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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 322, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to vaccination of dogs and cats against rabies.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 322, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 322.005, to read as follows:

322.005. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Cat", any domestic feline animal (*felis catus*);

(2) "Dog", any domestic canine animal (*canis familiaris*);

(3) "Harbor", to feed or shelter an animal at the same location for fourteen or more consecutive days;

(4) "Owner", any person who keeps or harbors an animal, but shall not include veterinarians or kennel operators who have temporary custody for a period of less than sixty days of animals owned by other persons;

(5) "Vaccinated against rabies", in receipt of a primary rabies vaccine or receipt of a booster vaccine administered in accordance with the current Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control prepared by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians. Such rabies vaccinations shall be performed by a veterinarian;

(6) "Veterinarian", the same definition as in section 340.200.

2. If there is a reasonable suspicion that a person may have been exposed to rabies from contact with a dog or cat, the owner of the dog or cat shall provide documentation that the animal has been vaccinated

21 against rabies or the owner shall surrender the animal to the proper
22 authorities, including but not limited to law enforcement, a public
23 health official, or a licensed veterinarian. A licensed veterinarian shall
24 determine the proper course of action for examining the dog or cat. If
25 a licensed veterinarian deems it necessary for the immediate health of
26 the injured person, the dog or cat may be euthanized.

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