
HOUSE BILL No. 1206

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 15-2.1-6-11.

Synopsis: Rabies and biting dogs. Limits the provision authorizing the confinement or destruction of an animal that has been bitten by a rabid animal to animals that have not been vaccinated for rabies. Provides that if an animal has bitten a person and the owner presents evidence of rabies vaccination, the owner may elect to have the animal destroyed instead of impounded.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1999 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 15-2.1-6-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 11. (a) Even if an order
3 has not been issued under section 1 of this chapter, the state
4 veterinarian, the local health officer having jurisdiction, or an
5 individual designated by the state veterinarian or the local health
6 officer having jurisdiction may do the following:
- 7 (1) Order the confinement and destruction of any animal showing
 - 8 clinical symptoms of rabies for laboratory diagnosis.
 - 9 (2) Order the confinement of any animal suspected of having
 - 10 rabies.
 - 11 (3) Order the confinement of any animal that has bitten or
 - 12 otherwise exposed a person.
 - 13 (4) Order the confinement and destruction of any animal that has
 - 14 bitten or otherwise potentially exposed a person to rabies.
 - 15 (b) When possible, the state veterinarian or local health officer
 - 16 exercising authority under this section shall give written notice to the
 - 17 owner or suspected owner of the animal:



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- 1 (1) upon impounding; and
 2 (2) before destroying;
 3 that animal.
- 4 (c) The period of confinement ordered under subsection (a) must be:
 5 (1) of at least ten (10) days duration;
 6 (2) under the supervision of:
 7 (A) the state veterinarian; or
 8 (B) a licensed, accredited veterinarian, or a person designated
 9 by the official exercising authority under this chapter; and
 10 (3) at the expense of the owner.
- 11 (d) Any animal **that has not been vaccinated for rabies and** that
 12 has been bitten by a domestic or feral animal suspected or known to
 13 have rabies may be:
 14 (1) confined for not more than twelve (12) months at the owner's
 15 expense; or
 16 (2) destroyed.
- 17 (e) Whenever informed that an animal subject to an order of
 18 quarantine or an order of destruction or confinement under subsection
 19 (a) is running at large, the official who issued the order, or the official's
 20 designee, shall investigate the status of the animal. If the investigating
 21 official is given a statement that complies with section 10(b) of this
 22 chapter, the investigating official may order the animal impounded and,
 23 if necessary, provide the statement to a law enforcement officer for
 24 action under section 10 of this chapter.
- 25 (f) **Notwithstanding subsection (a), if:**
 26 (1) **an animal has bitten a person;**
 27 (2) **the animal has been vaccinated for rabies; and**
 28 (3) **the owner presents a copy of the record of vaccination**
 29 **issued under section 5 of this chapter;**
 30 **the owner of the animal may elect to have the animal destroyed.**
 31 **The owner is liable for the expenses of destroying the animal and**
 32 **any boarding fees that accrued before the owner elected to have**
 33 **the animal destroyed.**

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