

March 16, 1965.
Place on Calendar.

House File 566
By PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Passed House, Date *3/26* *4/19*

Passed Senate, Date *5/10*

Vote: Ayes *94* Nays *7*

Vote: Ayes *38* Nays *6*

Approved.....

passed house as amended by conf comm 5/28 (90-8)

passed on file 4/24

A BILL FOR

Senate subcommittee Health 4/22

An Act relating to the control and prevention of rabies.

pass 5/7 motion to reconsider filed 5/11 lost 5/12

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

conf comm report adopted 5/28

1 Section 1. Chapter three hundred fifty-one (351), Code 1962,
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new sections:

passed senate as amended 5/28 (46-1)

3 "1. Every owner of a dog shall obtain a rabies vaccination
4 for such animal. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or
5 have a dog in his possession, three (3) months of age or over,
6 which has not been vaccinated against rabies. Dogs kept in ken-
7 nels and not allowed to run at large shall not be subject to
8 these vaccination requirements.

9 "2. Before a license is issued for any dog, the owner must
10 present evidence with the application required by section three
11 hundred fifty-one point three (351.3) that the dog has been vac-
12 cinated against rabies, or if the dog license fee is paid to the
13 assessor, as permitted in section three hundred fifty-one point
14 sixteen (351.16), such evidence must be presented to the assessor.
15 Such evidence shall be a certificate of vaccination signed by a
16 licensed veterinarian, and the certificate shall show that the vac-
17 cination does not expire within six (6) months from the effective
18 date of the dog license.

19 "3. The rabies vaccination required by this Act shall be an
20 injection of anti-rabies vaccine approved by the state department
21 of agriculture, and the frequency of revaccination necessary for

22 approved vaccinations shall be as established by such department.

23 The vaccine shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian and
24 shall be given as approved by the state department of agriculture.
25 The veterinarian shall issue a tag with the certificate of vacci-
26 nation, and such tag shall at all times be attached to the collar
27 of the dog.

28 "4. County and city and town health and law enforcement offi-
29 cials shall enforce the provisions of this Act relating to vacci-
30 nation and impoundment of dogs. Such public officials shall not
31 be responsible for any accident or disease of a dog resulting
32 from the enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

33 "5. Beginning June 1, 1966, any dog found running at large and
34 not wearing a valid rabies vaccination tag and for which no rabies
35 vaccination certificate can be produced shall be apprehended and
36 impounded.

37 When such dog has been apprehended and impounded, the official
38 shall give written notice in not less than two (2) days to the
39 owner, if known. If the owner does not redeem the dog within
40 three (3) days of the date of the notice, the dog may be humane-
41 ly destroyed or otherwise disposed of in accordance with law. An
42 owner may redeem a dog by having it immediately vaccinated and by
43 paying the cost of impoundment.

44 If the owner of a dog apprehended or impounded cannot be locat-
45 ed within three (3) days, the animal may be humanely destroyed or
46 otherwise disposed of in accordance with law.

47 "6. It shall be the duty of the owner of any dog, cat or other
48 animal which has bitten or attacked a person or any person having
49 knowledge of such bit or attack to report this act to a county

50 or city or town health or law enforcement official. It shall be
51 the duty of physicians and veterinarians to report to the county
52 or city or town board of health the existence of any animal known
53 or suspected to be suffering from rabies.

54 "7. When a county or city or town board of health receives in-
55 formation that any person has been bitten by an animal or that a
56 dog or animal is suspected of having rabies, it shall order the
57 owner to confine such animal in the manner it directs. If the
58 owner fails to confine such animal in the manner directed, the ani-
59 mal shall be apprehended and impounded by such board, and after
60 two (2) weeks the board may humanely destroy the animal. If such
61 animal is returned to its owner, the owner shall pay the cost of
62 impoundment.

63 "8. If a county or city or town board of health believes ra-
64 bies to be epidemic, or believes there is a threat of epidemic,
65 in its jurisdiction, it may declare a quarantine in all or part
66 of the area under its jurisdiction and such declaration shall be
67 reported to the state department of health. During the period of
68 quarantine, any person owning or having a dog in his possession
69 in the quarantined area shall keep such animal securely enclosed
70 or on a leash for the duration of the quarantine period.

71 "9. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the power
72 of any city or town to prohibit dogs from running at large, wheth-
73 er or not they have been vaccinated for rabies, or to limit the
74 power of any city or town to provide additional measures for the
75 restriction of dogs for the control of rabies.

76 "10. Dogs that are under the control of the owner or handlers
77 and which are in transit, or are to be exhibited shall be exempt

78 from the vaccination provisions of this Act if they are within
79 the state for less than thirty (30) days. Dogs assigned to a
80 research institution or a like facility shall be exempt from the
81 provisions of this Act.

82 "11. Any person refusing to comply with the provisions of
83 this Act, or violating any of its provisions, shall be deemed
84 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not
85 more than one hundred (100) dollars or imprisoned not more than
86 thirty (30) days, for each offense."

1 Sec. 2. Subsection twenty-one (21) of section three hundred
2 thirty-two point three (322.3), Code 1962, is hereby amended by
3 striking the remainder of the subsection after the word "disposi-
4 tion" in line two (2) and by substituting the following:

5 "of dogs in accordance with chapter three hundred fifty-one
6 (351) of the Code."

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred fifty-one point five (351.5),
2 Code 1962, is amended by adding at the end of such section the
3 following:

4 "Such application shall also state the date of the most recent
5 rabies vaccination, the type of vaccine administered, and the date
6 the dog shall be revaccinated."

1 Sec. 4. Section three hundred fifty-one point sixteen (351.16),
2 Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding in line thirteen (13) after
3 the word "him," the following:

4 "the evidence of rabies vaccination for each dog,".

1 Sec. 5. Section three hundred fifty-one point twenty-two
2 (351.22) is amended by adding at the end of subsection three (3)
3 the following:

- 4 "The date of the most recent rabies vaccination, the type of
- 5 vaccine administered, and the date the dog shall be revaccinated."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 566

This bill provides for a rabies control program at the county, city and town level. Reported cases of rabies in animals in Iowa have been increasing in recent years. Most persons that are bitten by animals are bitten by dogs. Control of the disease in dogs is important in prevention of the disease in man.

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- 1 Amend House File 566 as follows:
- 2 By inserting in line twenty-three (23) of section
- 3 one (1) after the word "veterinarian" the following:
- 4 ", or by a person certified in writing by a veterinarian
- 5 to be qualified and capable of administering the vaccine,"

Filed
May 13, 1965.

RADL of Linn.

HOUSE FILE 566

- 1 Amend House File 566, section one (1), by striking in both
- 2 line forty (40) and line forty-five (45) the word and figure
- 3 "three (3)" and inserting in lieu thereof in both instances
- 4 the word and figure "ten (10)".

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March 26, 1965.

adopted 4/19

DOYLE of Woodbury.

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- 1 Amend House File 566 as follows:
- 2 1. By striking from line 40 of section 1 the word and figure
- 3 "ten (10) and inserting in lieu thereof the word and figure
- 4 "three (3)".
- 5 2. By striking from line 45 of section 1 the word and figure
- 6 "ten (10)" and inserting in lieu thereof the word and figure
- 7 "three (3)".

Filed and adopted
May 10, 1965.

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By SHOEMAN.