

**351.45 Tampering with a rabies vaccination tag — penalties.**

1. A person commits the offense of tampering with a rabies vaccination tag if all of the following apply:

a. The person knowingly removes, damages, or destroys a rabies vaccination tag as described in [section 351.35](#).

b. The rabies vaccination tag is attached to a collar worn by a dog, including as provided in [sections 351.25](#) and [351.26](#).

2. a. For a first conviction, the person is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

b. For a second or subsequent conviction, the person is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

3. [This section](#) shall not apply to an act taken by any of the following:

a. The owner of the dog, an agent of the owner, or a person authorized to take action by the owner.

b. A peace officer as defined in [section 801.4](#).

c. A veterinarian licensed as provided in [chapter 169](#).

d. An animal shelter or pound as defined in [section 162.2](#).

[2020 Acts, ch 1111, §1](#)