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HOUSE FILE 1216

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Vote: Ayes *94* Nays *0* Vote: Ayes *53* Nays *0*
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A BILL FOR *Sub. for S.F. 1192*

- 1 An Act relating to the licensing of dogs and their immunization
- 2 against rabies.
- 3 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 4 Section 1. Section three hundred fifty-one point one (351.1),
- 5 Code 1966, is hereby amended by striking from line two (2) the
- 6 word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "six".
- 7 Sec. 2. Section three hundred fifty-one point twenty-five
- 8 (351.25), Code 1966, is hereby amended by striking from line two
- 9 (2) the word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "six".
- 10 Sec. 3. Section three hundred fifty-one point thirty-three
- 11 (351.33), Code 1966, is amended by striking from line five (5)
- 12 the word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "six".

EXPLANATION

This bill increases the age at which a dog must be licensed from 3 to 6 months. The bill also amends section 351.33 of the Code to state that a dog need not be vaccinated for rabies until reaching 6 months of age.

Section 351.33 currently requires that dogs be vaccinated for rabies at three months of age. The presence of resistant antibodies in a dog's blood, transmitted from the mother, until he is approximately six months of age greatly decreases the likelihood that the vaccination will be effective. This fact is recognized by many veterinarians who defer the vaccination until the dog reaches six months of age. Since the dog may not be revaccinated for as long as 36 months it is important to be reasonably certain that the initial vaccination has been effective.

The law will now conform to common practice and will eliminate the risk of liability which a veterinarian might incur in a suit by a person bitten by an unvaccinated and rabid dog of less than 6 months of age.

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1 Amend House File 1216, page 1, line 13, by adding
2 the following new section:
3 Sec. 4. This Act, being deemed of immediate
4 importance, shall take effect and be in force from and
5 after its approval and publication in the Creston News-Advertiser,
6 a newspaper published in Creston, Iowa, and in The Bulletin
7 Journal, a newspaper published in Independence, Iowa.

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