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HOUSE BILL DRH10187-MH-35 (02/06)

Short Title: Rabies Quarantine Amendments.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative W. Richardson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES OF THE
3 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIANS
4 REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS EXPOSED TO
5 RABIES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 130A-197 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 130A-197. ~~Infected animals to be destroyed; protection of vaccinated~~**
9 **animals. Management of dogs, cats, and ferrets exposed to rabies.**

10 When the local health director reasonably suspects that an animal required to be vaccinated
11 under this Part has been exposed to the saliva or nervous tissue of a proven rabid animal or
12 animal reasonably suspected of having rabies that is not available for laboratory diagnosis, the
13 animal shall be considered to have been exposed to rabies. ~~An animal exposed to rabies shall be~~
14 ~~destroyed immediately by its owner, the county Animal Control Officer or a peace officer~~
15 ~~unless the animal has been vaccinated against rabies in accordance with this Part and the rules~~
16 ~~of the Commission more than 28 days prior to being exposed, and is given a booster dose of~~
17 ~~rabies vaccine within five days of the exposure. As an alternative to destruction, the animal~~
18 ~~may be quarantined at a facility approved by the local health director for a period up to six~~
19 ~~months, and under reasonable conditions imposed by the local health director. The~~
20 ~~recommendations and guidelines specified by the National Association of State Public Health~~
21 ~~Veterinarians in the most current edition of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and~~
22 ~~Control shall be the required control measures."~~

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.

