

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1210

House of Representatives, March 26, 2007

### **An Act To Require Veterinarians To Notify Municipalities of Rabies Vaccinations of Dogs**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HILL of York.  
Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and  
Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, CARTER of Bethel, GERZOFSKY of  
Brunswick, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PRATT of Eddington.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3916, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

3 **2-A. Notice to municipality.** A veterinarian who issues a certificate of rabies  
4 vaccination for a dog pursuant to subsection 2 shall, within one month of issuing the  
5 certificate, forward by mail, e-mail or fax a copy of that certificate to the clerk of the  
6 municipality in which the owner resides or, if the owner resides in the unorganized  
7 territory, to the dog recorder in that unorganized territory or, in the absence of a duly  
8 authorized dog recorder, to a dog recorder in the nearest municipality or unorganized  
9 territory in the same county in which the owner resides.

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#### **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires a veterinarian who issues a certificate of rabies vaccination for a  
12 dog to forward within one month of issuing the certificate a copy of the certificate to the  
13 clerk of the municipality in which the owner resides or, if the owner resides in the  
14 unorganized territory, to the dog recorder in that unorganized territory or, in the absence  
15 of a duly authorized dog recorder, to a dog recorder in the nearest municipality or  
16 unorganized territory in the same county in which the owner resides.