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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1629

5 By: Representative Magie
6 By: Senator M. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE RABIES CONTROL ACT RELATED TO THE
10 CONFINEMENT OF AN ANIMAL WHEN A PERSON IS BITTEN TO
11 ALLOW AN OWNER TO CONFIN AN ANIMAL WHO HAS RECEIVED
12 A CURRENT VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO THE CONFINEMENT OF AN ANIMAL WHEN A
18 PERSON IS BITTEN TO ALLOW AN OWNER TO
19 CONFIN AN ANIMAL WHO HAS RECEIVED A
20 CURRENT VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-19-307(a), concerning the confinement of
27 an animal when a person is bitten within the Rabies Control Act, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 (a)(1)(A) Whenever the health authorities, county sheriff's office, or
30 municipal police officers in cooperation with health authorities receive
31 information that any person has been bitten by a dog, cat, or other animal
32 that has not received a current vaccination against rabies or it is unknown
33 if the dog, cat, or other animal has received a vaccination against rabies,
34 these local public officials acting in cooperation shall have the dog or
35 other animal confined and observed.

36 (B) If the dog, cat, or other animal has received a



1 current vaccination against rabies and the owner provides proof of the
2 current vaccination, the owner may confine and observe the dog, cat, or other
3 animal.

4 (2) If there is no local facility available for confining the
5 dog, cat, or other animal that has not received a current vaccination against
6 rabies or it is unknown if the dog, cat, or other animal has received a
7 vaccination against rabies, it shall be the owner's responsibility to make
8 satisfactory arrangements or to prepare a facility for the purpose of
9 confinement.

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/s/Magie

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