

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 3.1-796.97 and 3.1-796.97:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to*
3 *rabies inoculation of dogs and cats.*

4 [H 523]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That §§ 3.1-796.97 and 3.1-796.97:1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as**
8 **follows:**9 § 3.1-796.97. Evidence showing inoculation for rabies prerequisite to obtaining dog or cat license;
10 rabies clinics.11 No license tag shall be issued for any dog or cat unless there is presented, to the treasurer or other
12 officer of the county or city charged by law with the duty of issuing license tags for dogs and cats at
13 the time application for license is made, evidence satisfactory to him showing that such dog or cat has
14 been inoculated or vaccinated against rabies by a currently licensed veterinarian *or currently licensed*
15 *veterinary technician who was under the immediate and direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian on*
16 *the premises.*17 Rabies clinics, approved by the appropriate health department and governing body, shall be held at
18 least once per year in each county in which the governing body finds that the number of resident
19 veterinarians is otherwise inadequate to meet the need.

20 § 3.1-796.97:1. Rabies inoculation of dogs and domesticated cats; availability of certificate.

21 The owner or custodian of all dogs and domesticated cats four months of age and older shall have
22 them currently vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian; ~~who shall provide the owner of the dog~~
23 ~~or the custodian of the domesticated cat with a certificate of vaccination or licensed veterinary~~
24 ~~technician who is under the immediate and direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian on the premises.~~
25 *The supervising veterinarian on the premises shall provide the owner of the dog or the custodian of the*
26 *domesticated cat with a certificate of vaccination.* The owner of the dog or the custodian of the
27 domesticated cat shall furnish within a reasonable period of time, upon the request of an animal warden,
28 humane investigator, law-enforcement officer, or official of the Department of Health, the certificate of
29 vaccination for such dog or cat. The vaccine used shall be licensed by the United States Department of
30 Agriculture for use in that species.