

HB 862 -- Protection Against Rabies

Sponsor: Guest

This bill requires that any dog, cat, or ferret that bites a person must be placed under observation for 10 days. Animals with a current rabies vaccination will be confined to a location specified by the local public health agency. Animals not vaccinated must be confined in a pound, kennel, or with a licensed veterinarian. Animals not infected can be reclaimed by their owner after 10 days. Infected animals will be humanely euthanized. Strays will be immediately euthanized with the head being submitted for rabies examination. All other biting animals with the potential to expose a person to rabies will be managed on a case-by-case basis.

Any person who violates the provisions of the bill will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.