



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
*Fifty-Fifth Legislature, First Regular Session*

**AMENDED**  
FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1353

anti-rabies vaccination; rabies titer

Purpose

Allows a licensed veterinarian to administer a rabies antibody titer to determine whether to administer a rabies booster vaccine to a dog. Allows a rabies antibody titer that shows an adequate immune response to be accepted in lieu of a rabies booster vaccination, other than a first booster vaccination, for state licensing requirements.

Background

The State Veterinarian must designate the types of anti-rabies vaccines used for vaccination of animals, the period of time between vaccination and revaccination and the dosage and method of administration of the vaccine ([A.R.S. § 11-1002](#)).

The board of supervisors of each county may set a license fee that must be paid for each dog three months of age or older that is kept, harbored or maintained within the boundaries of this state for at least 30 consecutive days of each calendar year. The licensing period cannot exceed the period of time for revaccination as designated by the State Veterinarian. Any person who knowingly fails within 15 days after written notification from the county enforcement agent to obtain a required license for a dog is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor ([A.R.S. § 11-1008](#)). Before a license is issued for any dog, the owner or a veterinarian must present a copy or telefacsimile of the vaccination certificate signed by a veterinarian stating the owner's name and address and the dog's description, date of vaccination, manufacturer and serial number of the vaccine and date revaccination is due. A dog cannot be licensed unless it is vaccinated in accordance with statutory requirements ([A.R.S. § 11-1010](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Allows a licensed veterinarian to administer a rabies antibody titer to determine whether to administer a rabies booster vaccine to a dog.
2. Allows a rabies antibody titer that shows an adequate immune response to be accepted in lieu of a rabies booster vaccination for all state requirements.
3. Prohibits a rabies antibody titer from being accepted in lieu of an initial rabies vaccination or first booster vaccination.
4. Requires a rabies antibody titer to be drawn annually in determining whether to administer the titer in lieu of a rabies booster vaccination.

5. Defines *adequate immune response* to mean the level established by World Health Organization guidelines.
6. Makes technical and conforming changes.
7. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

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Senate Action

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