

(a) Each person who owns or keeps a dog OR CAT OR BOTH that is 4 months old or older shall have the dog OR CAT vaccinated adequately against rabies.

(b) (1) A county may not register or license a dog OR CAT, unless the person who owns or keeps the dog OR CAT submits, with the application for registration or license, proof that the dog OR CAT has been vaccinated adequately against rabies.

(2) The public health veterinarian shall determine the proof of vaccination that is acceptable.

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(a) A licensed veterinarian who vaccinates a dog or cat against rabies:

(1) May select the vaccine to be used;

(2) Shall administer the vaccine in a manner that is consistent with the recommendations of the [federal agency that licenses the vaccine] NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIANS;

(3) Shall issue to the owner of the dog or cat a vaccination certificate, on the form that the Department [provides without charge] APPROVES; and

(4) Shall keep a record of the vaccination FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 21, 1985.

CHAPTER 312

(House Bill 448)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - Electrical Examiners

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the Treasurer of the Board of Electrical Examiners of St. Mary's County