

Konrad Jackson

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Konrad,
I forwarded this update to Royce and Annette a few minutes ago. Thought you might appreciate a copy. Thanks! Jim
Royce and Annette,

Here is the reference you requested.

www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/pub/vethandbook.pdf p26

*"(4) a rabies vaccination is valid only when performed by or under the direct supervision of a *licensed veterinarian or by a lay vaccinator approved by the **department as qualified to administer the vaccine and for whom the department determines, in its discretion, that approval is in the best interests of the state in carrying out the purposes of this section and 7 AAC 27.030; the availability of a licensed veterinarian does not of itself preclude this approval..."*

After conversation the Office of the State Veterinarian and the Veterinarian from the Department of Public Health..., this regulation above reads as:

****"licensed veterinarian"** refers to licensed in State of Alaska

****"Department"** refers to Alaska State Department of Public Health & Social Services Section of Epidemiology.

I hope this is helpful to clarify the Rabies Vaccination concerns. If veterinarians are going to provide care in rural Alaska we want to make sure they have the ability to legally obtain and give rabies vaccines given rabies is a significant public health issue. If this is not remedied with present bill, I think this is a big issue.

We want to put forth a sound bill. We're not convinced HB251 (present form) provides its well intentioned objectives,to increase rural veterinary care, and still protect Alaskans. If this bill does not move forward, we are open to looking at ways to streamline temporary licensing so we can make it easier for qualified DVMs to provide rural service within the state.

Regards,

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