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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Annuling certain regulations relating to
6 sales and administering of rabies vaccine,
7 and the intrastate transportation of dogs
8 and cats.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 WHEREAS under AS 44.62.320 the legislature may annul administrative
11 regulations of a department by concurrent resolution adopted by a vote of
12 both houses; and

13 WHEREAS rabies control in Alaska requires that any program to prevent
14 the incidence of rabies and to control outbreaks be designed in a manner that
15 is workable and efficient while recognizing circumstances and needs of rural
16 and urban areas; and

17 WHEREAS 7 AAC 27.020 limits administration of rabies vaccination to vet-
18 erinarians, persons under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian,
19 or an individual approved by the Department of Health and Social Services;
20 and

21 WHEREAS the Department of Health and Social Services has not actually
22 certified any individuals to administer rabies vaccine nor established any
23 training program whereby individuals may become certifiable; and

24 WHEREAS the regulations themselves do not describe mechanisms or estab-
25 lish standards whereby private interested parties such as dog kennels may
26 procure and administer rabies vaccine in a safe, efficient and inexpensive
27 manner; and

28 WHEREAS presently there are only 65 licensed veterinarians residing in
29 Alaska, with few licensed veterinarians located in rural areas of the state

1 where outbreaks of rabies have most commonly occurred; and

2 WHEREAS 7 AAC 27.030 is presently written in such a manner as to prohi-
3 bit the intrastate transportation of dogs and cats by public intrastate
4 carriers without proof that the animal has an unexpired rabies vaccination
5 regardless of whether or not the transportation is between non-infected areas
6 of the state or whether or not an outbreak of rabies has actually occurred;
7 and

8 WHEREAS the prohibition of intrastate travel may prevent a dog or cat
9 owner residing in an area without a licensed veterinarian from traveling to
10 an area with a licensed veterinarian for the purpose of obtaining a rabies
11 vaccination;

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that administrative
13 regulations 7 AAC 27.020(b)(4), 7 AAC 27.020(b)(5), and 7 AAC 27.030(b) as
14 filed with the lieutenant governor's office on May 22, 1978 be annulled.

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