

House Bill No. 1037

An act relating to a public records exemption for certain information contained in a rabies vaccination certificate; amending s. 828.30, F.S.; narrowing the exemption; specifying exempt information; adding clarifying language; making editorial changes; eliminating the condition of making a written request in order to view or copy rabies vaccination certificates; removing superfluous language; removing the October 2, 2003, repeal thereof scheduled pursuant to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the October 2, 2003, repeal of said subsection scheduled pursuant to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995, subsection (5) of section 828.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

828.30 Rabies vaccination of dogs, cats, and ferrets.—

(5) An animal owner's name, street address, phone number, and animal tag number Any information contained in a the rabies vaccination certificate provided to the animal control authority ~~which identifies the owner of the animal vaccinated is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. However, the physician of, or, any person who has been bitten, scratched, or otherwise exposed to a zoonotic disease or the physician of such person; and a veterinarian who is treating an animal that has been bitten, scratched, or otherwise exposed to a zoonotic disease; or the owner of an animal that has been bitten, scratched, or otherwise exposed to a zoonotic disease, shall be provided with any information contained in a rabies vaccination certificate but only with respect to the particular animal biting, scratching, or otherwise causing exposure. Any person with an animal tag number may receive vaccination certificate information with regard to that animal. Federal, state, and local Law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies; other animal control authorities; and emergency and medical response and, disease control agencies; or other governmental health agencies shall be provided information contained in the rabies vaccination certificate for the purpose of controlling the transmission of rabies; however, the receiving agencies and authorities they must not release the exempt such information to the public. Any person, pursuant to a written request, may view or copy any individual rabies vaccination certificate, one record at a time. A copy of any existing database may be obtained provided that the owner's name, street address, and phone number, and the animal tag number, are not made available.~~

~~This exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2003, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved by the Governor June 20, 2003.

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