

1 H.410

2 Introduced by Representative Durfee of Shaftsbury

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Internal security and public safety; animals; domestic pet or wolf-
6 hybrid control; licenses; general provisions

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require
8 veterinarians and domestic pet owners to send copies of the current rabies
9 vaccine certificate for animal licensure to the municipal clerk.

10 An act relating to rabies vaccination certificate requirements for domestic
11 pet or wolf-hybrid licensure

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 3581 is amended to read:

14 § 3581. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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16 (d)(1) Before obtaining a license for a dog or wolf-hybrid six months of
17 age or older, a person shall deliver to the municipal clerk a certificate or a
18 certified copy ~~thereof~~ issued by a duly licensed veterinarian, stating that the
19 dog or wolf-hybrid has received a current preexposure rabies vaccination with
20 a vaccine approved by the Secretary, and the person shall certify that the dog

1 or wolf-hybrid described in the certificate or copy is the dog or wolf-hybrid to
2 be licensed. The municipal clerk shall keep the certificates or copies ~~thereof~~
3 on file. The Secretary shall prescribe the size and format of rabies certificates.
4 The owner of any such dog or wolf-hybrid shall maintain a copy of the rabies
5 vaccination ~~form~~ certificate and provide it to State or municipal officials upon
6 request.

7 (2) The rabies vaccination certificate shall include the following:

8 (A) the signature of the veterinarian;

9 (B) the dog or wolf-hybrid owner's name and address;

10 (C) the species, sex, age, color, and primary breed of the animal; and

11 (D) the vaccination number and expiration date.

12 (3) Veterinarians must present a list of rabies vaccinations to the
13 municipal clerk every 30 days.

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15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.