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Committee Substitute Reported Without Prejudice 4/7/99

Short Title: Rabies Vaccine/Dog Owner Admin.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
STUDY WHETHER CERTAIN DOG OWNERS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO
ADMINISTER RABIES VACCINE TO THEIR OWN DOGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the public health issues involved in authorizing dog owners to administer animal rabies vaccine to their own dogs. The study may include:

- (1) The public health consequences of allowing dog owners to administer animal rabies vaccine to their own dogs.
- (2) The special skills needed to safely administer animal rabies vaccine and whether nonveterinarians may safely administer the vaccine.
- (3) Analysis of current training offered by the State Public Health Veterinarian to Certified Rabies Vaccinators and whether it is adequate to train owners to administer animal rabies vaccine to their own dogs.
- (4) Whether the current cost to dog owners of rabies vaccination is a deterrent to vaccination.
- (5) Ways to improve the current rabies vaccination system to ensure maximum rabies control.

- 1 The Commission may make an interim report to the 1999 General Assembly,
2 Regular Session 2000, and shall make its final report to the 2001 General Assembly.
3 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.