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HOUSE BILL 341

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE
REQUIREMENT FOR RABIES VACCINATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 77, Article 1 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT FOR RABIES
VACCINATION.--

A. An animal that would otherwise be required to be
vaccinated against rabies pursuant to the provisions of Chapter
77, Article 1 or 1A NMSA 1978 may be exempted from such
requirement if that animal is the subject of a letter of
exemption as provided in Subsection B of this section.

B. A letter of exemption from the requirement for
rabies vaccination may be issued if a medical reason exists

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1 that precludes the vaccination of an animal. A letter of
2 exemption shall be in the form of a written statement, signed
3 by a licensed veterinarian, that includes a description of the
4 animal and the medical reason that precludes vaccination
5 against rabies. If the medical reason is temporary, the letter
6 of exemption shall indicate a time of expiration of exemption."

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