

House Bill 1000

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 19 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 control of rabies, so as to provide an exception for inoculation of canines and felines against  
3 rabies for animals for which such vaccine would compromise the animal's health or if it is  
4 medically unnecessary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 19 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of  
9 rabies, is amended by revising Code Section 31-19-5, relating to inoculation of canines and  
10 felines against rabies, by designating the existing text as subsection (a) and adding a new  
11 subsection to read as follows:

12 "(b) If a licensed veterinarian determines in writing that a rabies inoculation would  
13 compromise an animal's health, then the animal shall be exempt from the rabies vaccination  
14 requirement until such time as a licensed veterinarian determines that such inoculation  
15 would not compromise such animal's health. If a rabies inoculation is shown through the

16 results of a vaccine titer to be medically unnecessary for said animal, then the animal shall  
17 be exempt from the rabies vaccination requirement indefinitely."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.