

# SENATE BILL 366

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By: **Senator Madaleno**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Rabies Vaccination Information – Submission to Local Agencies**  
3 **and Use for Licensing**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, under certain circumstances, a licensed veterinarian who  
5 vaccinates a dog, cat, or ferret against rabies to send to a certain local agency certain  
6 rabies vaccination information; requiring the licensed veterinarian to send the  
7 information within a certain number of days after a vaccination certificate is  
8 completed; establishing a certain penalty; requiring a local agency to forward the  
9 information to another local agency under certain circumstances; repealing the  
10 prohibition on using information in a rabies vaccination record that a licensed  
11 veterinarian keeps to license a dog, cat, or ferret; defining a certain term; and  
12 generally relating to rabies vaccination information.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Health – General  
15 Section 18–319  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Health – General**

21 18–319.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1           **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "LOCAL AGENCY" MEANS THE AGENCY THAT HAS**  
2 **BEEN DESIGNATED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION AS THE AGENCY THAT IS**  
3 **RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL ANIMAL LAWS WITHIN**  
4 **THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.**

5           **[(a)] (B)** A licensed veterinarian who vaccinates a dog, cat, or ferret against  
6 rabies:

7           (1) May select the vaccine to be used;

8           (2) Shall administer the vaccine in a manner that is consistent with the  
9 recommendations of the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians;

10           (3) Shall issue to the owner of the dog, cat, or ferret a vaccination  
11 certificate, on the form that the Department approves; **[and]**

12           (4) Shall keep a record of the vaccination for a period of 5 years; **AND**

13           **(5) IF REQUESTED BY A LOCAL AGENCY, SHALL SEND TO THE LOCAL**  
14 **AGENCY:**

15           **(I) A COPY OF EACH SIGNED AND COMPLETED VACCINATION**  
16 **CERTIFICATE; OR**

17           **(II) INFORMATION REGARDING EACH ADMINISTERED**  
18 **VACCINATION USING THE METHOD SPECIFIED BY THE LOCAL AGENCY.**

19           **(C) (1) IF THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN IS REQUIRED TO SEND**  
20 **VACCINATION INFORMATION TO A LOCAL AGENCY UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(5) OF**  
21 **THIS SECTION, THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN SHALL SEND THE INFORMATION**  
22 **WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER A VACCINATION CERTIFICATE IS COMPLETED.**

23           **(2) IF A LICENSED VETERINARIAN WILLFULLY FAILS TO COMPLY**  
24 **WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LOCAL AGENCY MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL**  
25 **PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$10 FOR EACH VIOLATION.**

26           **(D) IF A LOCAL AGENCY IS SENT VACCINATION INFORMATION UNDER**  
27 **SUBSECTION (B)(5) OF THIS SECTION FOR A DOG, CAT, OR FERRET OWNED BY A**  
28 **PERSON WHO RESIDES OR IS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE LOCAL JURISDICTION, THE**  
29 **LOCAL AGENCY SHALL FORWARD THE INFORMATION TO THE LOCAL AGENCY FOR**  
30 **THE OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTION.**

1           **[(b)] (E)**     The information in the rabies vaccination record that a licensed  
2 veterinarian keeps may not be used[:

3                   (1)     To license the dog, cat, or ferret; or

4                   (2)     To] **TO** tax the owner of the dog, cat, or ferret.

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.