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An Act To Require Veterinarians To Notify Municipalities of Rabies Vaccinations of Dogs

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3916, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Notice to municipality. A veterinarian who issues a certificate of rabies vaccination for a dog pursuant to subsection 2 shall, within one month of issuing the certificate, forward by mail, e-mail or fax a copy of that certificate to the clerk of the municipality in which the owner resides or, if the owner resides in the unorganized territory, to the dog recorder in that unorganized territory or, in the absence of a duly authorized dog recorder, to a dog recorder in the nearest municipality or unorganized territory in the same county in which the owner resides.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a veterinarian who issues a certificate of rabies vaccination for a dog to forward within one month of issuing the certificate a copy of the certificate to the clerk of the municipality in which the owner resides or, if the owner resides in the unorganized territory, to the dog recorder in that unorganized territory or, in the absence of a duly authorized dog recorder, to a dog recorder in the nearest municipality or unorganized territory in the same county in which the owner resides.