

House Bill 742

By: Representatives Gurtler of the 8th, Pezold of the 133rd, Smith of the 41st, McGowan of the 138th, Stover of the 71st, and others

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; to provide
4 a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Ruby's Law."

9 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
20 without such approval.

21 **SECTION 4.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.