

**CHAPTER 279**

**H.B. No. 2121**

An Act relating to the veterinarians authorized to administer or supervise the administration of rabies vaccine.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 3.06, Rabies Control Act of 1981 (Article 4477-6a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 3.06. USE OF MODIFIED LIVE VIRUS RABIES VACCINE FOR ANIMALS RESTRICTED.** To prevent improper vaccination of animals against and the accidental exposure of humans to rabies, modified live virus rabies vaccine for animals shall be administered only by or under the direct supervision of a veterinarian. *A veterinarian may not administer or directly supervise the administration of rabies vaccine in this state unless the person is licensed under Texas law to practice veterinary medicine or unless the person is practicing veterinary*

~~medicine on an installation of the armed forces or National Guard [who is licensed to practice in this state]~~

**SECTION 2.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 2, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved: June 5, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985