

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Agriculture

CS/HB 303 — Rabies Vaccinations

by Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee and Rep. Killebrew and others
(SB 334 by Senator Burgess)

The bill authorizes employees, agents, or contractors of an animal control authority or sheriff to administer rabies vaccinations to impounded dogs, cats, and ferrets that will be transferred, rescued, fostered, adopted, or reclaimed by the owner. The rabies vaccinations may be administered under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian, who must be available for consultation through telecommunications, but is not required to be physically present during the consultation. Under the bill, the supervising veterinarian assumes responsibility for the veterinary care given to the animal by any person working under the veterinarian's direction and supervision.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-0