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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO AGRICULTURE
RELATED STATUTES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Insurance Commissioner, in
4 consultation with the Commissioner of Agriculture, shall conduct a
5 feasibility study for establishing a captive insurance company to
6 provide financial assistance to farmers in this state who are impacted by
7 the effects of severe weather.

8 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Insurance Commissioner shall
9 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
10 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
11 having cognizance of matters relating to insurance on any
12 recommendations concerning the establishment of a captive insurance
13 company to provide financial assistance to farmers in this state who are
14 impacted by the effects of severe weather.

15 Sec. 502. Section 22-339b of the general statutes is repealed and the
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

17 (a) Any owner or keeper of a dog or cat [of the age of three months or
18 older] that is not less than twelve weeks of age, or the vaccine
19 manufacturer's recommended age as approved by the United States
20 Department of Agriculture, shall have such dog or cat vaccinated
21 against rabies provided such vaccination shall occur prior to fourteen
22 weeks of age for such dog or cat. Any animal vaccinated prior to one
23 year of age or receiving a primary rabies vaccine at any age shall be
24 considered protected for only one year and shall be given a booster
25 vaccination one year after the initial vaccination and shall be vaccinated
26 at least every three years thereafter. Those animals revaccinated after
27 one year of age shall be given booster vaccinations at least every three
28 years thereafter. Proof of vaccination shall be a certificate issued by a
29 licensed veterinarian in accordance with subsection (a) of section 22-
30 339c. A licensed veterinarian, upon request of the Chief Animal Control
31 Officer, any animal control officer, municipal animal control officer or
32 regional animal control officer shall submit to such officer a copy of such
33 certificate and any associated rabies vaccination records for such dog or
34 cat that has bitten a person or another animal.

35 (b) The State Veterinarian or the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the
36 commissioner's designee, may grant an exemption from vaccination
37 against rabies for a dog or cat if a licensed veterinarian has examined
38 such animal and determined that a rabies vaccination would endanger
39 the animal's life due to disease or other medical considerations. Such
40 exemption may be granted for an individual animal only after the
41 veterinarian has consulted with the State Veterinarian, the
42 Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's designee, and
43 completed and submitted to the department an application for
44 exemption from rabies vaccination on a form approved by the
45 Department of Agriculture. After approval of such exemption, the
46 department shall issue a rabies vaccination exemption certificate, copies
47 of which shall be provided to the veterinarian, the owner of the dog or
48 cat exempted from rabies vaccination and the animal control officer of

49 the municipality in which the owner of the dog or cat resides.
 50 Certification that a dog or cat is exempt from rabies vaccination shall be
 51 valid for one year, after which time the animal shall be vaccinated
 52 against rabies or the application for exemption shall be renewed.

53 (c) Any veterinarian aggrieved by a denial of a request for an
 54 exemption from rabies vaccination by the State Veterinarian, the
 55 Commissioner of Agriculture or the commissioner's designee may
 56 appeal such denial as provided in the Uniform Administrative
 57 Procedure Act, sections 4-166 to 4-189, inclusive.

58 (d) Any violation of this section shall be an infraction."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	22-339b