

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 540
HOUSE BILL 419

AN ACT RELATING TO RABIES INSPECTORS IN BERTIE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Board of Health of Bertie County, at all times when there shall be a County Board of Health, or the duty of the Board of Commissioners of Bertie County, at all times when there shall be a District Board of Health serving Bertie County and not a County Board of Health, to appoint in December of each year, sufficient number of rabies inspectors to carry out the provisions of G. S. 106-364 to 106-387. The terms of office of the rabies inspectors for Bertie County shall be for one year, from January 1 to December 31. In the appointment of rabies inspectors preferences shall be given to licensed veterinarians. No person shall be appointed as rabies inspector unless such person is of good moral character and by training and experience is qualified in the opinion of the Bertie County Board of Health or the Board of County Commissioners, whichever shall be applicable, to perform the duties required under G. S. 106-364 to 106-387.

Sec. 2. The fees to be charged and collected by the rabies inspectors of Bertie County shall be set annually by the Bertie County Board of Health, if there shall be a County Board of Health, or by the Board of County Commissioners, if there shall not be a County Board of Health.

Sec. 3. The Bertie County rabies inspectors shall receive such portion of the fees or other compensation for their services as shall be ordered or appropriated annually by the Bertie County Board of Health, if there be a County Board of Health, or by the Board of County Commissioners, if there shall not be a County Board of Health.

Sec. 4. The Bertie County Board of Health, at all times that there shall be a County Board of Health, or the Board of County Commissioners, at all times when there shall not be a County Board of Health and when there shall be a District Board of Health serving Bertie County, shall have the power to remove any rabies inspector for misconduct in office, failure to regularly and promptly account for all serum and all fees and other funds coming into his hands, for failure to perform the duties imposed by G. S. 106-364 to 106-387, and by the Bertie County Board of Health and the Bertie County Board of Commissioners.

Sec. 5. All antirabic vaccine used by the rabies inspectors in Bertie County shall be purchased from or through the North Carolina State Board of Health by the Bertie County Board of Health, if there be a County Board of Health, or by the Bertie

County Board of Commissioners, if there be no County Board of Health or if there shall be a District Board of Health serving Bertie County.

Sec. 6. The rabies inspectors shall keep records of all vaccines or serum in their possession at all times; collect the fees for all vaccinations administered; obtain from the owner or custodian of each dog vaccinated a receipt, on forms prescribed by the appointing County Board of Health or Board of County Commissioners, for each dose of vaccine administered; and account for all vaccine or serum and all fees collected and make reports to the appointing Bertie County Board of Health or Board of County Commissioners on forms and at intervals prescribed by such appointing board.

Sec. 7. If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

Sec. 8. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 30th day of May, 1961.