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House Bill 4324 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Chuck Moss  
House Committee: Agriculture  
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Dog Law to create an exception to a requirement that a dog license application include a valid certificate of current rabies vaccination, if the application were submitted electronically and met other requirements.

Under the Law, the owner of a dog that is at least four months old must apply to the treasurer of the county, township, or city where the owner resides, or to the treasurer's authorized agent, for a license for each dog he or she owns or keeps. As a rule, a dog owner must apply for a license annually by March 1, although a county board of commissioners may establish a different annual licensing deadline or a multiyear license.

A license application must be accompanied by a valid certificate of a current vaccination for rabies, with a vaccine licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, signed by an accredited veterinarian. The certificate must state the month and year of expiration for the rabies vaccination, in the veterinarian's opinion. Under the bill, if the license application were submitted electronically, the dog owner would not have to provide a valid certificate of a current rabies vaccination if the dog were licensed the previous year and its current rabies vaccination on record with the applicable local government official, or his or her authorized agent, remained valid.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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