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**Senate Bill: 526**

**Printers Number: 489**

**Prime Sponsor: Waugh**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions and for sanitation standards.

## **BILL SUMMARY**

SB 526 amends the Title 3 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes regarding the documentation required to exhibit animals at livestock shows. Under current law, a person may not bring an animal to an exhibition unless there is an established "veterinarian-client-patient relationship". The bill clarifies that an animal health certificate can be accepted in lieu of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship form.

Effective date: 60 days

## **CURRENT LAW**

Existing law requires animal exhibitors to fill out a form self-certifying that their animal has a veterinary/client relationship. Most animal exhibitors also have a health certificate for their animals, which is signed by a veterinarian certifying the health of the animal, resulting in an unnecessary duplication of forms.