

# Senate Bill No. 583

(By Senators Miller, Snyder, Fitzsimmons, D. Hall and Yost)

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[Introduced February 14, 2014;  
referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

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A BILL to amend and reenact §19-20C-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to Spay Neuter Assistance Program; permitting emergency rulemaking.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That §19-20C-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 20C. WEST VIRGINIA SPAY NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

**§19-20C-3. Rulemaking; annual report.**

- 1 (a) The commissioner shall propose emergency or
- 2 legislative rules for ~~legislative~~ approval in accordance with
- 3 article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to implement

4 the provisions of this article.

5 (b) Rules promulgated under this section shall, at a  
6 minimum:

7 (1) Identify the types of nonprofit organizations and  
8 programs that qualify for spay neuter grants;

9 (2) Establish parameters for spay neuter grants;

10 (3) Establish procedures and requirements for grant  
11 applications; and

12 (4) Establish administration, record-keeping and  
13 reporting requirements for nonprofit organizations and  
14 programs that receive spay neuter grants.

15 (c) Beginning the year following the program's inception,  
16 the commissioner shall file an annual report with the Joint  
17 Committee on Government and Finance regarding the  
18 program, funds received and grants awarded, the number of  
19 dogs and cats sterilized and other pertinent data.

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(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit emergency rule-making authority to implement the provisions of the West Virginia Spay Neuter Assistance Program.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.)