CHAPTER 126

AN ACT SB 71

Relating to animal euthanasia; amending ORS 475.190 and 686.040.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 475.190 is amended to read:

475.190. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 475.185, upon registration with the State Board of Pharmacy, a humane society or animal control agency may purchase, possess and, subject to subsection (4) of this section, administer sodium pentobarbital and sedative and analgesic medications to euthanize injured, sick, homeless or unwanted domestic pets and other animals.

(2) The State Board of Pharmacy, after consultation with the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, shall adopt rules according to ORS 183.325 to 183.410 establishing requirements for registration, renewal of registration and revocation or suspension of registration under subsection (1) of this section. Those rules shall include a provision that the State Board of Pharmacy will suspend or revoke the registration of any humane society or animal control agency that allows a person who is not certified under subsection (4) of this section to administer sodium pentobarbital and sedative and analgesic medications.

(3) Any person who is registered under ORS 475.005 to 475.285 and 475.752 to 475.980 to deliver or dispense controlled substances may deliver or dispense sodium pentobarbital and sedative and analgesic medications to a humane society or animal control agency registered under subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

(4) The Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, after consultation with the State Board of Pharmacy, shall adopt rules establishing requirements for certification of persons to administer sodium pentobarbital and sedative and analgesic medications. Those rules may require that a person complete certain educational or training programs in order to be certified. [No person shall] A person may not administer sodium pentobarbital or sedative or analgesic medications unless the person is certified by the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

SECTION 2. ORS 686.040 is amended to read:

686.040. (1) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to commissioned veterinary officers of the United States Army, or those in the employ of other United States Government agencies while engaged in their official capacity, unless they enter into a private practice.

(2) Nothing in ORS 686.020 (1)(a) shall be so construed as to prevent any person or the agent or employee of the person from practicing veterinary medicine and surgery or dentistry in a humane manner on any animal belonging to the person, agent or employee, or for gratuitous services or from dehorning and vaccinating cattle for the person, agent or employee.

(3) Nothing in ORS 686.020 (1)(a) shall be so construed as to prevent the selling of veterinary remedies and instruments by a licensed pharmacist at the regular place of business of the licensed pharmacist.

(4) A practitioner of allied health methods may practice that method on animals without violating ORS 686.020 (1)(a), as long as the practice is in conformance with laws and rules governing the practitioner's practice and the practice is upon referral from a licensed veterinarian for treatment or therapy specified by the veterinarian.

(5) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to the lay testing of poultry by the whole blood agglutination test.

(6) A certified euthanasia technician holding an active, current certificate may inject sodium pentobarbital, sedative and analgesic medications and any other euthanasia substance approved by the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board without violating ORS 686.020 (1)(a).

(7) The board by rule may specify circumstances under which unlicensed persons may give vaccinations, administer an anesthetic or otherwise assist in the practice of veterinary medicine.

(8) Any individual licensed as a veterinarian in another state may be used in consultation in this state with a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state provided the consultation does not exceed 30 days in any 365 consecutive days.

(9) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to authorized representatives of the State Department of Agriculture in the discharge of any duty authorized by the department.

(10) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to an unlicensed representative of a livestock association, cow-testing association, or poultry association who, for the benefit of the association, takes blood samples for laboratory tests for the diagnosis of livestock or poultry diseases, but only if this person has received authorization from the State Department of Agriculture following a written request to the department.

(11) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to persons permitted by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to rehabilitate orphaned, sick or injured wildlife, as defined in ORS 496.004, for the purpose of restoring the animals to the wild.

(12) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to students, agents or employees of public or private educational or medical research institutions involved in educational or research activities under the auspices of those institutions.

(13) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to:

(a) Veterinarians employed by Oregon State University;

(b) Instructors of veterinary courses; or

(c) Students of veterinary science who participate in the diagnosis and treatment of animals if the students:
(A) Are participating in the diagnosis and treatment of animals while engaged in an educational program approved by the board or a college of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association; and

(B) Are under the direct supervision of an Oregon licensed veterinarian or a veterinarian approved by the board or Oregon State University to supervise students in the educational program.

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