

House Bill 3111

Sponsored by Representative BARKER

SUMMARY

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Provides process for veterinary facility or boarding kennel to remove domestic animal from facility or kennel if keeper of animal does not retake possession of animal.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to domestic animals.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Boarding kennel" means a facility that provides care for a fee to domestic animals**
6 **that stay at the facility an average of less than 30 days.**

7 (b) **"Domestic animal" means an animal that has a keeper and is not livestock.**

8 (c) **"Keeper" means the owner of a domestic animal or an agent of the owner that has**
9 **apparent authority to secure care for the domestic animal.**

10 (d) **"Livestock" means equines, bovines, llamas, alpacas, sheep, goats and swine, and**
11 **chickens, turkeys and other domesticated fowl.**

12 (2) **A veterinary facility or a boarding kennel may provide for the removal of a domestic**
13 **animal from the veterinary facility or boarding kennel if the keeper does not retake pos-**
14 **session of the domestic animal. Prior to the removal of a domestic animal under this section,**
15 **the veterinary facility or boarding kennel must send the keeper a letter by certified mail**
16 **notifying the keeper that the domestic animal will be removed from the veterinary facility**
17 **or boarding kennel if the keeper does not arrange to retake possession of the domestic ani-**
18 **mal. The letter must be addressed to the last address for the keeper known to the veterinary**
19 **facility or boarding kennel.**

20 (3) **If the keeper does not contact the veterinary facility or boarding kennel and arrange**
21 **to retake possession of the domestic animal, the veterinary facility or boarding kennel may**
22 **provide for removal of the domestic animal four or more days after the keeper has received**
23 **or refused delivery of the letter sent under subsection (2) of this section, as evidenced by the**
24 **certified mail receipt or upon the letter being returned as undeliverable. If the keeper con-**
25 **tacts the veterinary facility or boarding kennel but fails to retake possession of the domestic**
26 **animal as arranged, the veterinary facility or boarding kennel may provide for removal of**
27 **the domestic animal four or more days after the date on which the keeper fails to retake**
28 **possession of the domestic animal. The removal of a domestic animal under this section may**
29 **be by:**

30 (a) **Placing the domestic animal with a rescue group or animal shelter;**

31 (b) **Adopting out the domestic animal;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(c) Selling the domestic animal; or**

2 **(d) Humanely euthanizing the domestic animal.**

3 **(4) A veterinary facility or boarding kennel providing for the removal of a domestic ani-**
4 **mal under this section shall keep a record of the date and method of removal of the domestic**
5 **animal, including but not limited to contact information for any person or entity taking**
6 **possession of the domestic animal from the veterinary facility or boarding kennel.**

7 **(5) The Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board may adopt rules governing the**
8 **removal of a domestic animal under this section by a veterinary facility.**

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