

House Bill 2474

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits veterinary facility from offering services related to practice of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry unless veterinary facility registers with Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

Becomes operative January 1, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to veterinary medicine; creating new provisions; amending ORS 686.010 and 686.260; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 686.010 is amended to read:

6 686.010. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

7 (1) "Animal medical problem" means any wound, injury, disease, discomfort, abnormality,
8 deformity or defect of an animal.

9 (2) "Board" means the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

10 (3) "Veterinary college, or veterinary department of a university or college, of good standing
11 and reput[e,]" means any veterinary college or department of a university or college, legally organ-
12 ized, which is approved and placed on the accredited list by the board, but in any event the ac-
13 creditation requirements of the board shall be no more restrictive than the accreditation standards
14 of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

15 (4) "**Veterinary facility**" **has the meaning given that term by the board by rule. In**
16 **adopting rules under this subsection, the board may not define "veterinary facility" to in-**
17 **clude any establishment operated by a governmental or not-for-profit organization.**

18 [(4)] (5) "Veterinary technician" means an individual who has received a certificate in
19 veterinary technology, or a comparable certificate, from a recognized college or university approved
20 by the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, or an individual employed as a
21 veterinary technician who has had at least four calendar years of on-the-job training in the technical
22 procedures certified by a licensed veterinarian who presented the instruction.

23 **SECTION 2.** Section 3 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 686.

24 **SECTION 3.** (1) **A veterinary facility may not offer services related to the practice of**
25 **veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry, as described in ORS 686.030, unless the veterinary**
26 **facility:**

27 (a) **Registers with the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board; and**

28 (b) **Designates a veterinarian licensed under this chapter to be responsible for ensuring**
29 **that the veterinary facility is in compliance with this section and rules adopted by the board**

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 **under this section.**

2 **(2) The board shall adopt rules establishing:**

3 **(a) The form and manner of registering under this section;**

4 **(b) The form and manner of renewing a registration under this section;**

5 **(c) Fees for registering or renewing a registration under this section; and**

6 **(d) Health and safety standards for veterinary facilities.**

7 **(3) The board may inspect a veterinary facility to ensure that the veterinary facility is**
 8 **in compliance with this section and rules adopted under this section.**

9 **(4) Subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 183, the board may suspend or revoke the**
 10 **registration of a veterinary facility if the veterinary facility changes ownership, does not**
 11 **retain a designated veterinarian with the responsibilities described in subsection (1)(b) of this**
 12 **section or fails to comply with this section or any rule adopted by the board under this sec-**
 13 **tion.**

14 **SECTION 4.** ORS 686.260 is amended to read:

15 686.260. (1) Upon the complaint of any resident of this state, or upon *[its]* **the board's** own ini-
 16 tiative, the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board may investigate any alleged violation
 17 of this chapter.

18 (2) While conducting an investigation, the board may:

19 (a) Take evidence;

20 (b) Take depositions of witnesses, including the deposition of the person who is the subject of
 21 the investigation, in the manner provided by law in civil cases;

22 (c) Compel the appearance of witnesses, including the person who is the subject of the investi-
 23 gation, in the manner provided by law in civil cases;

24 (d) Require answers to interrogatories;

25 (e) Compel the production of books, papers, electronic files, accounts and other documents per-
 26 taining to the investigation;

27 (f) Issue subpoenas;

28 (g) Inspect the premises of a *[veterinary]* facility in which any part of a licensee's practice of
 29 veterinary medicine is conducted if the board has evidence of conditions that are *[deficient or]* not
 30 in compliance with standards for *[veterinary medical]* facilities adopted by rule by the board; *[and]*

31 **(h) Inspect the premises of a veterinary facility if the board has evidence of conditions**
 32 **that are not in compliance with standards for veterinary facilities adopted under section 3**
 33 **of this 2015 Act; and**

34 *[(h)]* (i) Order an applicant **for licensure** or a licensee to undergo a mental examination, a
 35 physical examination or a professional competency examination when the board has evidence indi-
 36 cating the incapacity of the applicant or licensee to practice veterinary medicine safely.

37 (3) If after such investigation the board has reason to believe that any person is subject to
 38 prosecution criminally for the violation of this chapter, the board shall report the case to the ap-
 39 propriate district attorney or to the Attorney General.

40 **SECTION 5. (1) Sections 2 and 3 of this 2015 Act and the amendments to ORS 686.010 and**
 41 **686.260 by sections 1 and 4 of this 2015 Act become operative on January 1, 2016.**

42 **(2) The Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board may take any action neces-**
 43 **sary before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to**
 44 **enable the board to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of**
 45 **this section, all the duties, functions and powers conferred on the board by sections 2 and 3**

1 of this 2015 Act and the amendments to ORS 686.010 and 686.260 by sections 1 and 4 of this
2 2015 Act.

3 **SECTION 6.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
4 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
5 on its passage.
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