

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3494

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

April 24

1 Delete lines 4 through 31 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 90.100 to**
3 **90.465.**

4 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

5 **“(a) ‘Animal’ means a dog or a cat.**

6 **“(b) ‘Claw’ means a hardened, keratinized modification of the epidermis, or a hardened,**
7 **keratinized growth extending from the end of the digits, of certain mammals, birds, reptiles**
8 **or amphibians, commonly referred to as a claw, talon or nail.**

9 **“(c) ‘Declaw’ means to remove, or to prevent the normal function of, a claw of an animal**
10 **by a surgical procedure such as onychectomy, tendonectomy or phalangectomy.**

11 **“(d) ‘Devocalize’ means to remove, or to prevent the normal function of, the vocal cords**
12 **of an animal by a surgical procedure such as vocal cordectomy, debarking, devoicing, si-**
13 **lencing, ventriculocordectomy, bark reduction or bark softening.**

14 **“(2) A person may not devocalize a dog or a cat unless:**

15 **“(a) The person performing the procedure is a licensed veterinarian;**

16 **“(b) Anesthesia is administered to the animal during the procedure;**

17 **“(c) The procedure:**

18 **“(A) Is medically necessary to treat or relieve an illness, disease or injury or to correct**
19 **a congenital abnormality that is causing or will cause the animal physical harm or pain; or**

20 **“(B) After behavioral modification to correct excessive vocalization has failed, is per-**
21 **formed to correct the excessive vocalization;**

22 **“(d) For a procedure performed for the reason described in paragraph (c)(B) of this sub-**
23 **section, the veterinarian performing the procedure discusses with the owner of the animal**
24 **the potential complications resulting from the procedure; and**

25 **“(e) The veterinarian performing the procedure provides the owner written documenta-**
26 **tion attesting that the veterinarian has complied with the requirements of this subsection.**

27 **“(3) A person may not declaw a cat unless:**

28 **“(a) The person performing the procedure is a licensed veterinarian;**

29 **“(b) Anesthesia is administered to the animal during the procedure;**

30 **“(c) The procedure is performed because:**

31 **“(A) The procedure is medically necessary to treat or relieve an illness, disease or injury**
32 **or to correct a congenital abnormality that is causing or will cause the animal physical harm**
33 **or pain;**

34 **“(B) Attempts to prevent the animal from destructively using its claws have failed; or**

35 **“(C) The animal’s destructive use of its claws presents a serious health risk to the animal**

1 or its owner;

2 “(d) For a procedure performed for the reason described in paragraph (c)(B) or (C) of this
3 subsection, the veterinarian performing the procedure discusses with the owner of the ani-
4 mal the potential complications resulting from the procedure; and

5 “(e) The veterinarian performing the procedure provides the owner written documenta-
6 tion attesting that the veterinarian has complied with the requirements of this
7 subsection.”.

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