

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3494**

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**
3 **of ORS 90.100 to 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**
7 **epidermis, or a hardened, keratinized growth extending from the end**
8 **of the digits, of certain mammals, birds, reptiles or amphibians, com-**
9 **monly referred to as a claw, talon or nail.**

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

13 **“(d) ‘Devocalize’ means to remove, or to prevent the normal func-**
14 **tion of, the vocal cords of an animal by a surgical procedure such as**
15 **vocal corpectomy, debarking, devoicing, silencing,**
16 **ventriculocorpectomy, bark reduction or bark softening.**

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

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

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

20 **“(c) The procedure:**

21 **“(A) Is medically necessary to treat or relieve an illness, disease or**
22 **injury or to correct a congenital abnormality that is causing or will**

1 cause the animal physical harm or pain; or
2 “(B) After behavioral modification to correct excessive vocalization
3 has failed, is performed to correct the excessive vocalization;
4 “(d) For a procedure performed for the reason described in para-
5 graph (c)(B) of this subsection, the veterinarian performing the pro-
6 cedure discusses with the owner of the animal the potential
7 complications resulting from the procedure; and
8 “(e) The veterinarian performing the procedure provides the owner
9 written documentation attesting that the veterinarian has complied
10 with the requirements of this subsection.
11 “(3) A person may not declaw a cat unless:
12 “(a) The person performing the procedure is a licensed veterinarian;
13 “(b) Anesthesia is administered to the animal during the procedure;
14 “(c) The procedure is performed because:
15 “(A) The procedure is medically necessary to treat or relieve an
16 illness, disease or injury or to correct a congenital abnormality that
17 is causing or will cause the animal physical harm or pain;
18 “(B) Attempts to prevent the animal from destructively using its
19 claws have failed; or
20 “(C) The animal’s destructive use of its claws presents a serious
21 health risk to the animal or its owner;
22 “(d) For a procedure performed for the reason described in para-
23 graph (c)(B) or (C) of this subsection, the veterinarian performing the
24 procedure discusses with the owner of the animal the potential com-
25 plications resulting from the procedure; and
26 “(e) The veterinarian performing the procedure provides the owner
27 written documentation attesting that the veterinarian has complied
28 with the requirements of this subsection.”.
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