

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 3494**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete line 4.

2 In line 5, delete “2” and insert “1”.

3 In line 6, delete “dog or a cat” and insert “feline, dog, rabbit, ferret,
4 iguana or bird”.

5 In line 15, delete “a dog or a cat” and insert “an animal”.

6 In line 17, after the semicolon insert “and”.

7 Delete lines 18 through 26 and insert:

8 “(c) The procedure is medically necessary to treat or relieve a physical
9 illness, disease or injury or to correct a congenital abnormality that is
10 causing or will cause the animal physical harm or pain.”.

11 On page 2, delete line 1.

12 In line 2, delete “a cat” and insert “an animal”.

13 In line 4, after the semicolon insert “and”.

14 Delete lines 5 through 16 and insert:

15 “(c) The procedure:

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

19 “(B) Is performed on a dog for the sole purpose of removing the animal’s
20 dew claws;

21 “(C) Is necessary to modify destructive use of the animal’s claws that
22 presents a physical health risk to an individual living in the same household

1 as the animal, provided the animal's owner submits to the veterinarian doc-
2 umentation from a physician that the animal's destructive use of its claws
3 exacerbates a severe medical condition suffered by the affected individual;
4 or

5 “(D) Is necessary to modify destructive use of the animal's claws that
6 presents a physical health risk to a human.

7 “(4) Before performing a procedure for the reason described in subsection
8 (3)(c)(D) of this section, the veterinarian performing the procedure shall:

9 “(a) Verify that attempts to prevent the animal from destructively using
10 its claws have failed; and

11 “(b) Fully explain to the owner of the animal the surgical procedure and
12 its potential complications.

13 “(5) A veterinarian may report any declawing procedure the veterinarian
14 performs to the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association.

15 “(6) A veterinarian that performs a procedure described in subsection (2)
16 or (3) of this section shall provide to the owner of the animal written doc-
17 umentation attesting that the veterinarian has complied with the require-
18 ments of this section.

19 **“SECTION 2. The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association shall re-**
20 **port the data collected under section 1 (5) of this 2015 Act to the in-**
21 **terim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human**
22 **services on or before December 31, 2016.”.**

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