

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1539

By COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDFIRE

February 17

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “care;” insert “creating new provisions; and”.

2 Delete lines 4 through 27 and delete page 2 and insert:

3 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 686.040 is amended to read:

4 “686.040. (1) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to **the following:**

5 “(a) Commissioned veterinary officers of the United States Army, or those in the employ of
6 other United States Government agencies while engaged in their official capacity, unless they enter
7 into a private practice.

8 “(b) **An individual who has received training to verify whether cattle are pregnant and**
9 **is performing pregnancy verification services on cattle within the scope of the individual’s**
10 **training.**

11 “(2) Nothing in ORS 167.322 or 686.020 (1)(a) shall be so construed as to prevent any person or
12 the agent or employee of the person from practicing veterinary medicine and surgery or dentistry
13 in a humane manner on any animal belonging to the person, agent or employee or for gratuitous
14 services or from dehorning and vaccinating cattle for the person, agent or employee.

15 “(3) Nothing in ORS 686.020 (1)(a) shall be so construed as to prevent the selling of veterinary
16 remedies and instruments by a licensed pharmacist at the regular place of business of the licensed
17 pharmacist.

18 “(4) A practitioner of allied health methods may practice that method on animals without vio-
19 lating ORS 686.020 (1)(a), as long as the practice is in conformance with laws and rules governing
20 the practitioner’s practice and the practice is upon referral from a licensed veterinarian for treat-
21 ment or therapy specified by the veterinarian.

22 “(5) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to the lay testing of poultry by the whole blood
23 agglutination test.

24 “(6) A certified euthanasia technician holding an active, current certificate may inject sodium
25 pentobarbital, sedative and analgesic medications and any other euthanasia substance approved by
26 the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board without violating ORS 686.020 (1)(a).

27 “(7) The board by rule may specify circumstances under which unlicensed persons may give
28 vaccinations, administer an anesthetic or otherwise assist in the practice of veterinary medicine.

29 “(8) Any individual licensed as a veterinarian in another state may be used in consultation in
30 this state with a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state provided the consul-
31 tation does not exceed 30 days in any 365 consecutive days.

32 “(9) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to authorized representatives of the State Department of
33 Agriculture in the discharge of any duty authorized by the department.

34 “(10) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to an unlicensed representative of a livestock associ-
35 ation, cow-testing association, or poultry association who, for the benefit of the association, takes

1 blood samples for laboratory tests for the diagnosis of livestock or poultry diseases, but only if this
2 person has received authorization from the State Department of Agriculture following a written re-
3 quest to the department.

4 “(11) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to persons permitted by the State Department of Fish
5 and Wildlife to rehabilitate orphaned, sick or injured wildlife, as defined in ORS 496.004, for the
6 purpose of restoring the animals to the wild.

7 “(12) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to students, agents or employees of public or private
8 educational or medical research institutions involved in educational or research activities under the
9 auspices of those institutions.

10 “(13) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to:

11 “(a) Veterinarians employed by Oregon State University;

12 “(b) Instructors of veterinary courses; or

13 “(c) Students of veterinary science who participate in the diagnosis and treatment of animals if
14 the students:

15 “(A) Are participating in the diagnosis and treatment of animals while engaged in an educa-
16 tional program approved by the board or a college of veterinary medicine accredited by the Ameri-
17 can Veterinary Medical Association; and

18 “(B) Are under the direct supervision of an Oregon licensed veterinarian or a veterinarian ap-
19 proved by the board or Oregon State University to supervise students in the educational program.

20 “(14) **The Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board may by rule specify cir-**
21 **cumstances under which unlicensed persons may engage in activities described in subsection**
22 **(1)(b) of this section.**

23 “**SECTION 2.** ORS 686.040, as amended by section 1 of this 2026 Act, is amended to read:

24 “686.040. (1) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to *[the following:]*

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26 other United States Government agencies while engaged in their official capacity, unless they enter
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29 “[*(14) The Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board may by rule specify circumstances*
30 *under which unlicensed persons may engage in activities described in subsection (1)(b) of this*
31 *section.*]

32 “**SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 686.040 by section 2 of this 2026 Act become op-**
33 **erative on January 1, 2031.”.**