

Requested by Senator NASH

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1539**

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

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

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

5 “686.040. (1) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to **the following:**

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

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

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

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

20 “(4) A practitioner of allied health methods may practice that method on
21 animals without violating ORS 686.020 (1)(a), as long as the practice is in

1 conformance with laws and rules governing the practitioner’s practice and
2 the practice is upon referral from a licensed veterinarian for treatment or
3 therapy specified by the veterinarian.

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

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

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

13 “(8) Any individual licensed as a veterinarian in another state may be
14 used in consultation in this state with a person licensed to practice
15 veterinary medicine in this state provided the consultation does not exceed
16 30 days in any 365 consecutive days.

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

20 “(10) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to an unlicensed representative
21 of a livestock association, cow-testing association, or poultry association
22 who, for the benefit of the association, takes blood samples for laboratory
23 tests for the diagnosis of livestock or poultry diseases, but only if this person
24 has received authorization from the State Department of Agriculture fol-
25 lowing a written request to the department.

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

30 “(12) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to students, agents or employees

1 of public or private educational or medical research institutions involved in
2 educational or research activities under the auspices of those institutions.

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

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

5 “(b) Instructors of veterinary courses; or

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

8 “(A) Are participating in the diagnosis and treatment of animals while
9 engaged in an educational program approved by the board or a college of
10 veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Associ-
11 ation; and

12 “(B) Are under the direct supervision of an Oregon licensed veterinarian
13 or a veterinarian approved by the board or Oregon State University to su-
14 pervise students in the educational program.

15 **“(14) The Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board may**
16 **by rule specify circumstances under which unlicensed persons may**
17 **engage in activities described in subsection (1)(b) of this section.**

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

20 “686.040. (1) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to [*the following*:]

21 “[*(a)*] commissioned veterinary officers of the United States Army, or
22 those in the employ of other United States Government agencies while en-
23 gaged in their official capacity, unless they enter into a private practice.

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25 *pregnant and is performing pregnancy verification services on cattle within the*
26 *scope of the individual’s training.*]

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28 prevent any person or the agent or employee of the person from practicing
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20 pervise students in the educational program.

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

24 “**SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 686.040 by section 2 of this**
25 **2026 Act become operative on January 1, 2031.”.**

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