

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE  
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2014  
(Reference to House engrossed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 32-2201, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 32-2201. Definitions

5 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Animal" means any animal other than human.

7 2. "Board" means the Arizona state veterinary medical examining  
8 board.

9 3. "Certified veterinary technician" means either:

10 (a) A graduate of a minimum two-year American veterinary medical  
11 association accredited program in veterinary technology who has passed a  
12 national and a state veterinary technician examination.

13 (b) A person who is certified on or before December 31, 2010  
14 pursuant to the rules adopted by the board.

15 4. "Consulting" means providing professional or expert advice that  
16 is requested by a veterinarian licensed in this state and that is rendered  
17 only on a specific case basis.

18 5. "Controlled substance" means any substance that is registered and  
19 controlled under the ~~federal~~ controlled substances act (P.L. 91-513).

20 6. "Cremation" means the heating process that reduces animal remains  
21 to bone fragments by combustion and evaporation.

22 7. "Crematory" means a building or portion of a building that is  
23 licensed pursuant to article 8 of this chapter and that houses a retort in  
24 which only animal remains are cremated.

1           8. "DECLAWING" OR "ONYCHECTOMY" MEANS ANY SURGICAL PROCEDURE IN  
2 WHICH A PORTION OF AN ANIMAL'S PAW IS AMPUTATED IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE  
3 ANIMAL'S CLAWS.

4           ~~8.~~ 9. "Direct supervision" means that a licensed veterinarian is  
5 physically present at the location where animal health care is being  
6 performed.

7           ~~9.~~ 10. "Gross incompetence" means any professional misconduct or  
8 unreasonable lack of professional skill in ~~the performance of~~ PERFORMING  
9 professional practice.

10           ~~10.~~ 11. "Gross negligence" means treatment of a patient or practice  
11 of veterinary medicine resulting in injury, unnecessary suffering or death  
12 that was caused by carelessness, negligence or the disregard of established  
13 principles or practices.

14           ~~11.~~ 12. "Indirect supervision" means that a licensed veterinarian  
15 is not physically present at the location where animal health care is being  
16 performed but has given either written or oral instructions for ~~treatment~~  
17 ~~of~~ TREATING the animal patient.

18           ~~12.~~ 13. "Letter of concern" means an advisory letter to notify a  
19 veterinarian that, while there is insufficient evidence to support  
20 disciplinary action, the board believes the veterinarian should modify or  
21 eliminate certain practices and that continuation of the activities that  
22 led to the information being submitted to the board may result in action  
23 against the veterinarian's license.

24           ~~13.~~ 14. "Licensed veterinarian" means a person who is currently  
25 licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state.

26           ~~14.~~ 15. "Licensed veterinary faculty member" means a person who is  
27 currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine as an employee of a  
28 veterinary college in this state.

29           ~~15.~~ 16. "Malpractice" means treatment in a manner contrary to  
30 accepted practices and with injurious results.

31           ~~16.~~ 17. "Medical incompetence" means lacking sufficient medical  
32 knowledge or skills, or both, to a degree likely to endanger the health of

1 patients or lacking equipment, supplies or medication to properly perform a  
2 procedure.

3 ~~17.~~ 18. "Negligence" means the failure of a licensed veterinarian  
4 to exercise reasonable care in ~~the practice of~~ PRACTICING veterinary  
5 medicine.

6 ~~18.~~ 19. "Regularly" means that veterinary services are offered to  
7 the public once a month or more frequently.

8 ~~19.~~ 20. "Responsible veterinarian" means the veterinarian who is  
9 responsible to the board for compliance by licensed veterinary premises  
10 with the laws and rules of this state and of the federal government  
11 pertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine and responsible for ~~the~~  
12 ~~establishment of~~ ESTABLISHING policy at such premises.

13 ~~20.~~ 21. "Specialist" means a veterinarian who is certified as a  
14 diplomate in a particular discipline by a national specialty board or  
15 college recognized by the American veterinary medical association after ~~the~~  
16 ~~completion of~~ COMPLETING additional education and training, an internship  
17 or residency, passing required examinations and meeting any other criteria  
18 required by the various individual national specialty boards or colleges.

19 ~~21.~~ 22. "Supervising veterinarian" means a licensed veterinarian  
20 who is responsible for the care rendered to an animal by a certified  
21 veterinary technician or a veterinary assistant.

22 ~~22.~~ 23. "Temporary sites" means sites where outpatient veterinary  
23 services are performed.

24 24. "TENDONECTOMY" MEANS A PROCEDURE IN WHICH THE TENDONS TO AN  
25 ANIMAL'S LIMBS, PAWS OR TOES ARE CUT OR MODIFIED SO THAT THE CLAWS CANNOT  
26 BE EXTENDED.

27 25. "THERAPEUTIC PURPOSE" MEANS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING AN  
28 EXISTING OR RECURRING INFECTION, DISEASE, INJURY OR ABNORMAL CONDITION IN  
29 AN ANIMAL'S CLAW THAT JEOPARDIZES THE ANIMAL'S HEALTH AND FOR WHICH  
30 ADDRESSING THE INFECTION, DISEASE, INJURY OR ABNORMAL CONDITION IS A  
31 MEDICAL NECESSITY.

1           ~~23.~~ 26. "Twenty-four hour services" means veterinary services when  
2 a veterinarian is on the premises twenty-four hours a day.

3           ~~24.~~ 27. "Veterinarian" means a person who has received a ~~doctor's~~  
4 DOCTORAL degree in veterinary medicine from a veterinary college.

5           ~~25.~~ 28. "Veterinarian client patient relationship" means all of the  
6 following:

7           (a) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making  
8 medical judgments regarding the animal's health and need for medical  
9 treatment and the client, owner or caretaker has agreed to follow the  
10 veterinarian's instructions.

11           (b) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal to  
12 initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the animal's  
13 medical condition. Sufficient knowledge is obtained when the veterinarian  
14 has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and caring  
15 of the animal as a result of examining the animal, when the veterinarian  
16 makes medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the  
17 animal is kept or when a veterinarian affiliated with the practice has  
18 reviewed the medical record of such examinations or visits.

19           (c) The veterinarian is readily available for a follow-up evaluation  
20 or the veterinarian has arranged for either of the following:

21           (i) Emergency coverage.

22           (ii) Continuing care and treatment by another veterinarian who has  
23 access to the animal's medical records.

24           ~~26.~~ 29. "Veterinary assistant" means an individual who provides  
25 care under the direct SUPERVISION or indirect supervision of a veterinarian  
26 or certified veterinary technician.

27           ~~27.~~ 30. "Veterinary college" means any veterinary college or  
28 division of a university or college that offers the degree of doctor of  
29 veterinary medicine or its equivalent and that conforms to the standards  
30 required for accreditation by the American veterinary medical association.

1           ~~28.~~ 31. "Veterinary faculty member" means a person who has received  
2 a ~~doctor's~~ DOCTORAL degree in veterinary medicine from a veterinary college  
3 and who is an employee of a veterinary college in this state.

4           ~~29.~~ 32. "Veterinary medicine" includes veterinary surgery,  
5 obstetrics, dentistry, acupuncture, manipulation and all other branches or  
6 specialties of veterinary medicine and ~~the~~ prescribing, administering or  
7 dispensing ~~of~~ drugs and medications for veterinary purposes.

8           ~~30.~~ 33. "Veterinary student" means a student who is regularly  
9 enrolled in a veterinary college.

10           Sec. 2. Title 32, chapter 21, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
11 is amended by adding section 32-2240.02, to read:

12           32-2240.02. Declawing, onychectomy or tendonectomy;  
13   therapeutic purposes; records; civil penalty;  
14   license suspension or revocation

15           A. A VETERINARIAN MAY PERFORM OR CAUSE TO BE PERFORMED THE  
16 DECLAWING, ONYCHECTOMY OR TENDONECTOMY OF A CAT ONLY IF THE VETERINARIAN IS  
17 LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER AND THE PROCEDURE IS FOR A THERAPEUTIC  
18 PURPOSE.

19           B. A VETERINARIAN WHO PERFORMS A DECLAWING, ONYCHECTOMY OR  
20 TENDONECTOMY ON A CAT SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF THE PROCEDURE FOR AT LEAST  
21 FOUR YEARS AFTER THE VETERINARIAN'S LAST CONTACT WITH THE CAT. THE RECORD  
22 SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 23           1. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CAT'S OWNER.  
24           2. A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CAT.  
25           3. THE DATE OF THE PROCEDURE.  
26           4. THE REASON THE PROCEDURE WAS PERFORMED.  
27           5. ANY DIAGNOSTIC OPINION AND ANY ANALYSIS OR TEST RESULT THAT  
28 SUPPORTS THE DIAGNOSTIC OPINION.

29           C. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 32-2233, A VETERINARIAN WHO VIOLATES  
30 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 31           1. A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$1,000 FOR A FIRST VIOLATION.  
32           2. A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$1,500 FOR A SECOND VIOLATION.

1                   3. A LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT  
2           VIOLATION."  
3 Amend title to conform

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