

ENROLLED ACT NO. 41, SENATE

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2013 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to veterinarians; providing requirements for animal euthanasia as specified; providing applicability; providing definitions; conforming a provision; repealing provisions related to the animal euthanasia certification board; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 33-30-223 through 33-30-225 are created to read:

33-30-223. Certificate required.

(a) No person shall practice as an animal euthanasia technician unless a permit is obtained as provided in W.S. 33-30-224. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to apply to any employee of the Wyoming game and fish department who is euthanizing wildlife in the course of his duties.

(b) An animal euthanasia technician shall register with the Wyoming board of pharmacy to purchase, possess and administer drugs labeled by the manufacturer for the purpose of euthanizing animals, excluding Schedule I drugs as defined in W.S. 35-7-1013 and 35-7-1014.

(c) If at any time there is a change in employment or sponsorship of an animal euthanasia technician by a law enforcement agency, the law enforcement agency shall immediately notify the board of the change. Changes include transfer to another division or part of the law enforcement agency as well as firing, termination or other release of employment or sponsorship by the law enforcement agency. The board shall adopt rules relating to changes in

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employment or sponsorship by law enforcement agencies for the purposes of this section.

33-30-224. Requirements for certification.

(a) The board may issue a certificate as an animal euthanasia technician to any applicant who files an application upon a form and in the manner prescribed by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the board of the following:

(i) The applicant has reached the age of majority;

(ii) The applicant has no felony convictions;

(iii) The applicant has no misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude and no criminal violations relating to cruelty to animals or animal neglect;

(iv) The applicant is employed or sponsored by a law enforcement agency;

(v) The applicant has completed an animal euthanasia training and testing program approved or developed by the board.

(b) The board may, in its sole discretion, require an applicant to appear before the board.

(c) Upon examination of all credentials the board may consider the credentials adequate evidence of professional competence and issue a certificate.

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(d) Persons certified as an animal euthanasia technician in this state as of July 1, 2013 are presumed to have met all requirements for certification under this section and are eligible for renewal of certification in accordance with the provisions of this section.

33-30-225. Reciprocity.

Persons permitted to practice as an animal euthanasia technician under the laws of any other state having requirements substantially equal to those provided for in this act may, in the discretion of the board, be issued a certificate to practice in this state.

Section 2. W.S. 33-30-202(a) by creating new paragraphs (x) and (xi) and 35-7-1010 are amended to read:

33-30-202. Definitions.

(a) When used in this act, these words and phrases, unless the context otherwise indicates, shall be defined as follows:

(x) "Animal euthanasia technician" means a person who is employed or sponsored by a law enforcement agency whose duties include euthanizing an unwanted, sick, injured or dangerous domestic animal;

(xi) "Euthanasia" means the act or practice of providing a humane death for an animal.

35-7-1010. Board of pharmacy designated agency to administer registration.

The Wyoming state board of pharmacy in addition to any other duties imposed upon it by law is hereby designated as

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the agency to administer the registration of the manufacture, distribution and dispensing of controlled substances as hereinafter provided in this act. The board shall register certified animal euthanasia technicians as provided by W.S. ~~33-30-219~~ 33-20-223(b), for the limited purposes of purchasing, possessing and administering ethanizing drugs as defined by W.S. 33-30-216(a)(v), labeled by the manufacturer for the purpose of euthanizing animals, excluding Schedule I drugs as defined in W.S. 35-7-1013 and 35-7-1014, and performing the duties and powers of a certified animal euthanasia technician.

Section 3. W.S. 7-19-106(a)(x), 33-30-204(m)(xiv) and 33-30-216 through 33-30-222 are repealed.

Section 4. Any amount in the account created under W.S. 33-30-219(c) repealed by this act shall, on the effective date of this act, be transferred to the account created under W.S. 33-30-204(k).

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Section 5. This act is effective July 1, 2013.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk