

SENATE FILE NO. SF0031

Wyoming Veterinary Medical Practice Act.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands and
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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12 **33-30-223. Certificate required.**

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14 (a) No person shall practice as an animal euthanasia
15 technician unless a permit is obtained as provided in W.S.
16 33-30-224.

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1 (b) An animal euthanasia technician shall register
2 with the Wyoming board of pharmacy to purchase, possess and
3 administer euthanizing drugs.

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5 (c) If at any time there is a change in employment or
6 sponsorship of an animal euthanasia technician by a law
7 enforcement agency, the law enforcement agency shall
8 immediately notify the board of the change. Changes
9 include transfer to another division or part of the law
10 enforcement agency as well as firing, termination or other
11 release of employment or sponsorship by the law enforcement
12 agency. The board shall adopt rules relating to changes in
13 employment or sponsorship by law enforcement agencies for
14 the purposes of this section.

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16 **33-30-224. Requirements for certification.**

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

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

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4 (ii) The applicant has no felony convictions;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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7 **33-30-225. Reciprocity.**

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

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15 **Section 2.** W.S. 33-30-202(a) by creating new
16 paragraphs (x) through (xii) and 35-7-1010 are amended to
17 read:

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19 **33-30-202. Definitions.**

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

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

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6 (xi) "Euthanasia" means the act or practice of
7 providing a humane death for an animal through the use of
8 euthanizing drugs;

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10 (xii) "Euthanizing drugs" means any
11 pentobarbital-based drug labeled by the manufacturer for
12 the purpose of euthanizing animals, excluding Schedule I
13 drugs as defined in W.S. 35-7-1013 and 35-7-1014.

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15 **35-7-1010. Board of pharmacy designated agency to**
16 **administer registration.**

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18 The Wyoming state board of pharmacy in addition to any
19 other duties imposed upon it by law is hereby designated as
20 the agency to administer the registration of the
21 manufacture, distribution and dispensing of controlled
22 substances as hereinafter provided in this act. The board
23 shall register certified animal euthanasia technicians ~~as~~
24 ~~provided by W.S. 33-30-219,~~ for the limited purposes of

1 purchasing, possessing and administering euthanizing drugs
2 as defined by W.S. ~~33-30-216(a)(v)~~, 33-30-202(a)(xii) and
3 performing the duties and powers of a certified animal
4 euthanasia technician.

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

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

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

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