

May 17, 2010

H 1741. ANIMAL EUTHANASIA TECHNICIANS. Filed 5/17/10. *TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO REGISTER ANIMAL SHELTERS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF OBTAINING, POSSESSING, AND USING DRUGS FOR ANIMAL EUTHANASIA, TO AUTHORIZE CERTIFIED EUTHANASIA TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER THESE DRUGS TO EUTHANIZE DOGS AND CATS ON THE PREMISES OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER, AND TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES EXPLICIT AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT CERTIFICATION OF OR TO DECERTIFY A EUTHANASIA TECHNICIAN FOR CERTAIN FELONY CONVICTIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.*

As title indicates. Amends GS 90-101 to add *Animal Shelter* to the list of categories required to register with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) to engage in listed activities with controlled substances; imposes a \$150 maximum fee on animal shelters. Enacts new GS 90-101(a2) to allow animal shelters to register for the purpose of obtaining, possessing, and using sodium pentobarbital and other drugs used for euthanizing animals. Requires that animal shelters registered under the NC DHHS provision also register with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency. Provides that only the shelter's manager or chief operating officer or a licensed veterinarian may obtain the controlled substances, and that only a person certified by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA & CS) may possess and administer the drugs for euthanasia on the shelter's premises.

Amends GS 19A-24(b) to require (was, may adopt rules) that the Board of Agriculture (Board) adopt rules to certify euthanasia technicians. Adds to the reasons for which the Board may deny, suspend, or revoke certification to include if the technician is convicted, pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony, a misdemeanor or infraction involving animal abuse or neglect, or any offense related to animal euthanasia; or provides false information during the application or certification process.

Enacts new GS 19A-24(c) to authorize NCDA & CS, regardless of the Board's actions, to deny, revoke, or suspend a euthanasia technician's certification for a felony conviction involving illegal drugs. Enacts new GS 19A-24(d) to authorize NCDA & CS and the Department of Justice to perform a criminal record check for NCDA & CS on any euthanasia technician applicant.

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June 9, 2010

H 1741. ANIMAL EUTHANASIA TECHNICIANS. Filed 5/17/10. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes clarifying changes regarding criminal record checks for applicants for certification as euthanasia technicians. Provides that persons seeking certification must provide consent for record check and submit a fingerprint card. Enacts new GS 114-19.28 to include provisions previously proposed as GS 19A-24(d). Expands the proposed language to refer to fingerprints. Makes clarifying changes.

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H 1741. ANIMAL EUTHANASIA TECHNICIANS. Filed 5/17/10. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes technical changes only. Changes proposed new GS 114-19.28 to GS 114-19.29.

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SHELTER, AND TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES EXPLICIT AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT CERTIFICATION OF OR TO DECERTIFY A EUTHANASIA TECHNICIAN FOR CERTAIN FELONY CONVICTIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 5/17/10, 6/9/10, and 6/29/10. Enacted July 21, 2010. Effective October 1, 2010.