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**A BILL**

To amend sections 955.16, 4729.531, 4729.532, 1  
4741.01, 4741.02, 4741.17, 4741.171, 4741.19, 2  
4741.22, 4741.221, and 4741.24 of the Revised 3  
Code to change professional title of "registered 4  
veterinary technician" to "registered veterinary 5  
nurse." 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 955.16, 4729.531, 4729.532, 7  
4741.01, 4741.02, 4741.17, 4741.171, 4741.19, 4741.22, 4741.221, 8  
and 4741.24 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 9

**Sec. 955.16.** (A) Dogs that have been seized by the county 10  
dog warden and impounded shall be kept, housed, and fed for 11  
three days for the purpose of redemption, as provided by section 12  
955.18 of the Revised Code, unless any of the following applies: 13

(1) Immediate humane destruction of the dog is necessary 14  
because of obvious disease or injury. If the diseased or injured 15  
dog is registered, as determined from the current year's 16  
registration list maintained by the warden and the county 17  
auditor of the county where the dog is registered, the necessity 18  
of destroying the dog shall be certified by a licensed 19

veterinarian or a registered veterinary ~~technician~~ nurse. If the 20  
dog is not registered, the decision to destroy it shall be made 21  
by the warden. 22

(2) The dog is currently registered on the registration 23  
list maintained by the warden and the auditor of the county 24  
where the dog is registered and the attempts to notify the 25  
owner, keeper, or harborer under section 955.12 of the Revised 26  
Code have failed, in which case the dog shall be kept, housed, 27  
and fed for fourteen days for the purpose of redemption. 28

(3) The warden has contacted the owner, keeper, or 29  
harborer under section 955.12 of the Revised Code, and the 30  
owner, keeper, or harborer has requested that the dog remain in 31  
the pound or animal shelter until the owner, harborer, or keeper 32  
redeems the dog. The time for such redemption shall be not more 33  
than forty-eight hours following the end of the appropriate 34  
redemption period. 35

At any time after such periods of redemption, any dog not 36  
redeemed shall be donated to any nonprofit special agency that 37  
is engaged in the training of any type of assistance dogs and 38  
that requests that the dog be donated to it. Any dog not 39  
redeemed that is not requested by such an agency may be sold, 40  
except that no dog sold to a person other than a nonprofit 41  
teaching or research institution or organization of the type 42  
described in division (B) of this section shall be discharged 43  
from the pound or animal shelter until the animal has been 44  
registered and furnished with a valid registration tag. 45

(B) Any dog that is not redeemed within the applicable 46  
period as specified in this section or section 955.12 of the 47  
Revised Code from the time notice is mailed to its owner, 48  
keeper, or harborer or is posted at the pound or animal shelter, 49

as required by section 955.12 of the Revised Code, and that is 50  
not required to be donated to a nonprofit special agency engaged 51  
in the training of any type of assistance dogs may, upon payment 52  
to the dog warden or poundkeeper of the sum of three dollars, be 53  
sold to any nonprofit Ohio institution or organization that is 54  
certified by the director of health as being engaged in teaching 55  
or research concerning the prevention and treatment of diseases 56  
of human beings or animals. Any dog that is donated to a 57  
nonprofit special agency engaged in the training of any type of 58  
assistance dogs in accordance with division (A) of this section 59  
and any dog that is sold to any nonprofit teaching or research 60  
institution or organization shall be discharged from the pound 61  
or animal shelter without registration and may be kept by the 62  
agency or by the institution or organization without 63  
registration so long as the dog is being trained, or is being 64  
used for teaching and research purposes. 65

Any institution or organization certified by the director 66  
that obtains dogs for teaching and research purposes pursuant to 67  
this section shall, at all reasonable times, make the dogs 68  
available for inspection by agents of the Ohio humane society, 69  
appointed pursuant to section 1717.04 of the Revised Code, and 70  
agents of county humane societies, appointed pursuant to section 71  
1717.06 of the Revised Code, in order that the agents may 72  
prevent the perpetration of any act of cruelty, as defined in 73  
section 1717.01 of the Revised Code, to the dogs. 74

(C) Any dog that the dog warden or poundkeeper is unable 75  
to dispose of, in the manner provided by this section and 76  
section 955.18 of the Revised Code, may be humanely destroyed, 77  
except that no dog shall be destroyed until twenty-four hours 78  
after it has been offered to a nonprofit teaching or research 79  
institution or organization, as provided in this section, that 80

has made a request for dogs to the dog warden or poundkeeper. 81

(D) An owner of a dog that is wearing a valid registration 82  
tag who presents the dog to the dog warden or poundkeeper may 83  
specify in writing that the dog shall not be offered to a 84  
nonprofit teaching or research institution or organization, as 85  
provided in this section. 86

(E) A record of all dogs impounded, the disposition of the 87  
same, the owner's name and address, if known, and a statement of 88  
costs assessed against the dogs shall be kept by the 89  
poundkeeper, and the poundkeeper shall furnish a transcript 90  
thereof to the county treasurer quarterly. 91

A record of all dogs received and the source that supplied 92  
them shall be kept, for a period of three years from the date of 93  
acquiring the dogs, by all institutions or organizations engaged 94  
in teaching or research concerning the prevention and treatment 95  
of diseases of human beings or animals. 96

(F) No person shall destroy any dog by the use of a high 97  
altitude decompression chamber or by any method other than a 98  
method that immediately and painlessly renders the dog initially 99  
unconscious and subsequently dead. 100

**Sec. 4729.531.** (A) The state board of pharmacy may issue a 101  
limited license to animal shelters solely for the purpose of 102  
purchasing, possessing, and administering combination drugs that 103  
contain pentobarbital and at least one noncontrolled substance 104  
ingredient, in a manufactured dosage form, whose only indication 105  
is for euthanizing animals, or other substances described in 106  
section 4729.532 of the Revised Code. No such license shall 107  
authorize or permit the distribution of these drugs to any 108  
person other than the originating wholesale distributor of the 109

drugs. An application for licensure shall include the 110  
information the board requires by rule under this section. If 111  
the application meets the requirements of the rules adopted 112  
under this section, the board shall issue the license. 113

(B) The board, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 114  
Revised Code, shall adopt any rules necessary to administer and 115  
enforce this section. The rules shall do all of the following: 116

(1) Require as a condition of licensure of the facility 117  
that an agent or employee of an animal shelter, other than a 118  
registered veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ as defined in section 119  
4741.01 of the Revised Code, has successfully completed a 120  
euthanasia technician certification course described in section 121  
4729.532 of the Revised Code; 122

(2) Specify the information the animal shelter must 123  
provide the board for issuance or renewal of a license; 124

(3) Establish criteria for the board to use in determining 125  
whether to refuse to issue or renew, suspend, or revoke a 126  
license issued under this section; 127

(4) Address any other matters the board considers 128  
necessary or appropriate for the administration and enforcement 129  
of this section. 130

**Sec. 4729.532.** (A) No agent or employee of an animal 131  
shelter shall perform euthanasia by means of lethal injection on 132  
an animal by use of any substance other than combination drugs 133  
that contain pentobarbital and at least one noncontrolled 134  
substance active ingredient, in a manufactured dosage form, 135  
whose only indication is for euthanizing animals, or other 136  
substance that the state veterinary medical licensing board and 137  
the state board of pharmacy both approve by rule adopted in 138

accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 139

The agent or employee of an animal shelter when using a 140  
lethal solution to perform euthanasia on an animal shall use 141  
such solution in accordance with the following methods and in 142  
the following order of preference: 143

(1) Intravenous injection by hypodermic needle; 144

(2) Intraperitoneal injection by hypodermic needle; 145

(3) Intracardial injection by hypodermic needle, but only 146  
on a sedated or unconscious animal; 147

(4) Solution or powder added to food. 148

(B) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, no 149  
agent or employee of an animal shelter, other than a registered 150  
veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ as defined in section 4741.01 of the 151  
Revised Code, shall perform euthanasia by means of lethal 152  
injection on an animal unless ~~he~~ the agent or employee has 153  
received certification after successfully completing a 154  
euthanasia technician certification course as described in this 155  
division. 156

The curriculum for a euthanasia technician certification 157  
course shall be one that has been approved by the state 158  
veterinary medical licensing board, shall be at least sixteen 159  
hours in length, and shall include information in at least all 160  
of the following areas: 161

(1) The pharmacology, proper administration, and storage 162  
of euthanasia solutions; 163

(2) Federal and state laws regulating the storage and 164  
accountability of euthanasia solutions; 165

(3) Euthanasia technician stress management;	166
(4) Proper disposal of euthanized animals.	167
(C) (1) Except as provided in division (D) of this section,	168
no agent or employee of an animal shelter shall perform	169
euthanasia by means of lethal injection on animals under this	170
section unless the facility in which <del>he</del> <u>the agent or employee</u>	171
works or is employed is licensed with the state board of	172
pharmacy under section 4729.531 of the Revised Code.	173
(2) Any agent or employee of an animal shelter performing	174
euthanasia by means of lethal injection shall do so only in a	175
humane and proficient manner that is in conformity with the	176
methods described in division (A) of this section and not in	177
violation of Chapter 959. of the Revised Code.	178
(D) An agent or employee of an animal shelter who is	179
performing euthanasia by means of lethal injection on animals on	180
or before <del>the effective date of this section</del> <u>June 29, 1994</u> , may	181
continue to perform such euthanasia and is not required to be	182
certified in compliance with division (B) of this section until	183
ninety days after the effective date of the rules adopted in	184
compliance with Section 3 of House Bill No. 88 of the 120th	185
general assembly.	186
<b>Sec. 4741.01.</b> As used in this chapter:	187
(A) "Animal" means any animal other than a human being and	188
includes fowl, birds, fish, and reptiles, wild or domestic,	189
living or dead.	190
(B) The "practice of veterinary medicine" means the	191
practice of any person who performs any of the following	192
actions:	193

(1) Diagnoses, prevents, or treats any disease, illness,	194
pain, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical, mental, or	195
dental condition of any animal;	196
(2) Administers to or performs any medical or surgical	197
technique on any animal that has any disease, illness, pain,	198
deformity, defect, injury, or other physical, mental, or dental	199
condition or performs a surgical procedure on any animal;	200
(3) Prescribes, applies, or dispenses any drug, medicine,	201
biologic, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic	202
substance, or applies any apparatus for any disease, illness,	203
pain, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical, mental, or	204
dental condition of any animal;	205
(4) Uses complementary, alternative, and integrative	206
therapies on animals;	207
(5) Renders professional advice or recommendation by any	208
means, including telephonic or other electronic communication	209
with regard to any activity described in divisions (B)(1) to (4)	210
of this section;	211
(6) Represents the person's self, directly or indirectly,	212
publicly or privately, as having the ability and willingness to	213
perform an act described in divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this	214
section;	215
(7) Uses any words, letters, abbreviations, or titles in	216
such connection and under such circumstances as to induce the	217
belief that the person using them is engaged in the practice of	218
veterinary medicine.	219
(C) "Specialist" means a licensed veterinarian who is	220
certified by a veterinary specialty board of a professional	221
veterinary association recognized by rule of the state	222



veterinary medical licensing board. 223

(D) "Veterinary supervision" means instruction and 224  
directions by a licensed veterinarian on the premises or by a 225  
licensed veterinarian who is readily available to communicate 226  
with a person requiring supervision. 227

(E) "Veterinary student" means a student enrolled in a 228  
college of veterinary medicine or a veterinary technology 229  
college approved by the board and who is working with a licensed 230  
veterinarian. 231

(F) "Registered veterinary ~~technician~~ nurse" means a 232  
person who is a graduate of a veterinary technology college 233  
approved by the state veterinary medical licensing board, has 234  
successfully passed an examination approved by the board, and 235  
maintains registration eligibility status in accordance with 236  
rules adopted by the board. 237

(G) "Animal aide" means a person who is employed by a 238  
licensed veterinarian and supervised by a licensed veterinarian 239  
or a registered veterinary ~~technician~~ nurse to perform duties 240  
such as record keeping, animal restraint, and such other duties 241  
that the board, by rule, establishes. In adopting the rules, the 242  
board shall include rules regarding the degree of supervision 243  
required for each duty. The rules shall be consistent with 244  
generally accepted standards of veterinary medical practice. 245

(H) "Advertising" means any manner, method, means, or 246  
activity by which a practicing veterinarian, a practicing 247  
veterinarian's partners, or associates, or any information in 248  
reference to veterinary science, is made known to the public 249  
through any use of motion pictures, newspapers, magazines, 250  
books, radio, television announcements, or any other manner, 251

method, means, or activity which commercially publicizes the 252  
professional image of the veterinarian. 253

(I) "Embryo transfer" means the removal of an embryo ovum 254  
from the reproductive tract of an animal and its transfer to the 255  
reproductive tract of another animal for the purpose of 256  
gestation and birth. 257

(J) "Veterinary consultant" means a veterinarian who is 258  
not licensed in this state and who provides advice and counsel 259  
to a requesting veterinarian licensed in this state in regard to 260  
the treatment, diagnosis, or health care of an animal or animals 261  
in a specific case. 262

(K) "Direct veterinary supervision" means a licensed 263  
veterinarian is in the immediate area and within audible range, 264  
visual range, or both, of a patient and the person administering 265  
to the patient. 266

(L) "Allied medical support" means a licensed dentist, 267  
physician, chiropractor, or physical therapist who is in good 268  
standing as determined under Chapter 4715., 4731., 4734., or 269  
4755. of the Revised Code, as applicable. 270

(M) "Veterinary-client-patient-relationship" means a 271  
relationship that meets the requirements of section 4741.04 of 272  
the Revised Code. 273

(N) "Licensed veterinarian" means a person licensed by the 274  
board to practice veterinary medicine. 275

(O) "Client" means the patient's owner, owner's agent, or 276  
other person responsible for the patient. 277

(P) "Veterinary technology" means the science and art of 278  
providing professional support to veterinarians. 279

(Q) "Patient" means an animal that is examined or treated 280  
by a licensed veterinarian. 281

**Sec. 4741.02.** There shall be a state veterinary medical 282  
licensing board consisting of seven members, who have been legal 283  
residents of this state for not less than five years, appointed 284  
by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, as 285  
follows: five members who have been licensed to practice 286  
veterinary medicine in this state for not less than five 287  
consecutive years prior to their appointment; one member who is 288  
a registered veterinary ~~technician~~-nurse registered pursuant to 289  
this chapter for not less than five consecutive years prior to 290  
appointment; and one member who is a representative of the 291  
public. Terms of office are for three years, commencing on the 292  
first day of January and ending on the thirty-first day of 293  
December. Each member shall hold office from the date of the 294  
member's appointment until the end of the term for which the 295  
member was appointed. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy 296  
occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the 297  
predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of 298  
such term. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the 299  
expiration date of the member's term until a successor takes 300  
office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever 301  
occurs first. No person who has been appointed a member of the 302  
board shall be appointed to serve more than three, three-year 303  
terms unless a period of three years has elapsed since the 304  
termination of the member's third term, provided that a person 305  
appointed to fill an unexpired term may be appointed for three 306  
full terms of three years each immediately following such term 307  
and that the total length of the member's service does not 308  
exceed ten years. 309

No member of the board shall be the owner of any interest 310

in, or be employed by any wholesale or jobbing house dealing in 311  
supplies, equipment, or instruments used or useful in the 312  
practice of veterinary medicine. Neither the public member nor 313  
the registered veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ member shall have any 314  
vested financial interest in the practice of veterinary 315  
medicine. For purposes of this section employment as a 316  
veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ for a veterinarian does not 317  
constitute a vested financial interest in the practice of 318  
veterinary medicine. 319

The governor may remove any member of the board for 320  
malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance after a hearing as 321  
provided in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code or if the license 322  
of a veterinary member is not renewed or has been revoked or 323  
suspended on any ground set forth in section 3123.47 or 4741.22 324  
of the Revised Code or if the registration of the registered 325  
veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ member is revoked or suspended or is 326  
not renewed under section 3123.47 or 4741.19 of the Revised 327  
Code. 328

Each member of the board shall receive an amount fixed 329  
pursuant to division (J) of section 124.15 of the Revised Code 330  
for each day, or portion thereof, the member is actually engaged 331  
in the discharge of official duties, in addition to the member's 332  
necessary expenses. 333

**Sec. 4741.17.** (A) Applicants or registrants shall pay to 334  
the state veterinary medical licensing board: 335

(1) For an initial veterinary license, on or after the 336  
first day of March in an even-numbered year, four hundred 337  
twenty-five dollars, and on or after the first day of March in 338  
an odd-numbered year, three hundred dollars; 339

(2) For an initial limited license to practice veterinary medicine for an intern, resident in a veterinary specialty, or graduate student, thirty-five dollars;

(3) For an initial limited license to practice veterinary medicine for an instructor, researcher, or diagnostician, one hundred fifty-five dollars;

(4) For a veterinary temporary permit, one hundred dollars;

(5) For a duplicate license, thirty-five dollars;

(6) For the veterinary license biennial renewal fee, where the application is postmarked no later than the first day of March, one hundred fifty-five dollars; where the application is postmarked after the first day of March, but no later than the first day of April, two hundred twenty-five dollars; and where the application is postmarked after the first day of April, four hundred fifty dollars. Notwithstanding section 4741.25 of the Revised Code, the board shall deposit ten dollars of each veterinary license biennial renewal fee that it collects into the state treasury to the credit of the veterinarian loan repayment fund created in section 4741.46 of the Revised Code.

(7) For the limited license to practice veterinary medicine biennial renewal fee, where the application is postmarked not later than the first day of July, one hundred fifty-five dollars; where the application is postmarked after the first day of July, but not later than the first day of August, two hundred twenty-five dollars; and where the application is postmarked after the first day of August, four hundred fifty dollars. Notwithstanding section 4741.25 of the Revised Code, the board shall deposit ten dollars of each

limited license biennial renewal fee that it collects from 369  
instructors, researchers, and diagnosticians into the state 370  
treasury to the credit of the veterinarian loan repayment fund. 371

(8) For an initial registered veterinary ~~technician~~nurse 372  
registration fee on or after the first day of March in an odd- 373  
numbered year, thirty-five dollars, and on or after the first 374  
day of March in an even-numbered year, twenty-five dollars; 375

(9) For the biennial renewal registration fee of a 376  
registered veterinary ~~technician~~nurse, where the application is 377  
postmarked no later than the first day of March, thirty-five 378  
dollars; where the application is postmarked after the first day 379  
of March, but no later than the first day of April, forty-five 380  
dollars; and where the application is postmarked after the first 381  
day of April, sixty dollars; 382

(10) For a specialist certificate, fifty dollars. The 383  
certificate is not subject to renewal. 384

(11) For the reinstatement of a suspended license, or for 385  
reinstatement of a license that has lapsed more than one year, 386  
an additional fee of seventy-five dollars; 387

(12) For a provisional veterinary graduate license, one 388  
hundred dollars. 389

(B) For the purposes of divisions (A) (6), (7), and (9) of 390  
this section, a date stamp of the office of the board may serve 391  
in lieu of a postmark. 392

**Sec. 4741.171.** Any licensed veterinarian who desires to 393  
temporarily or permanently retire from practice and who has 394  
given the state veterinary medical licensing board notice in 395  
writing to that effect may be certified by the board as being 396  
retired, provided the licensed veterinarian's license is in good 397

standing. The board may by rule waive the payment of the 398  
registration fee of a licensed veterinarian or registered 399  
veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ during the period when the licensed 400  
veterinarian or registered veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ is on 401  
active duty in connection with any branch of the armed forces of 402  
the United States. 403

Each veterinarian licensed by the board, whether a 404  
resident or not, shall notify, in writing, the executive 405  
director of the board of any change in the licensed 406  
veterinarian's office address or employment within ninety days 407  
after the change has taken place. 408

**Sec. 4741.19.** (A) Unless exempted under this chapter, no 409  
person shall practice veterinary medicine, or any of its 410  
branches, without a license or limited license issued by the 411  
state veterinary medical licensing board pursuant to sections 412  
4741.11 to 4741.13 of the Revised Code, a temporary permit 413  
issued pursuant to section 4741.14 of the Revised Code, or a 414  
registration certificate issued pursuant to division (C) of this 415  
section, or with an inactive, expired, suspended, terminated, or 416  
revoked license, temporary permit, or registration. 417

(B) No veterinary student shall: 418

(1) Perform or assist surgery unless under direct 419  
veterinary supervision and unless the student has had the 420  
minimum education and experience prescribed by rule of the 421  
board; 422

(2) Engage in any other work related to the practice of 423  
veterinary medicine unless under veterinary supervision; 424

(3) Participate in the operation of a branch office, 425  
clinic, or allied establishment unless a licensed veterinarian 426

is present on the establishment premises. 427

(C) No person shall act as a registered veterinary 428  
~~technician-nurse~~ unless the person is registered with the board 429  
on a biennial basis and pays the biennial registration fee. A 430  
registered veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ registration expires 431  
biennially on the first day of March in the odd-numbered years 432  
and may be renewed in accordance with the standard renewal 433  
procedures contained in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code upon 434  
payment of the biennial registration fee and fulfillment of ten 435  
continuing education hours during the two years immediately 436  
preceding renewal for registration. Each registered veterinary 437  
~~technician-nurse~~ shall notify in writing the executive director 438  
of the board of any change in the registered veterinary 439  
~~technician's-nurse's~~ office address or employment within ninety 440  
days after the change has taken place. 441

(1) A registered veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ operating 442  
under veterinary supervision may perform the following duties: 443

(a) Prepare or supervise the preparation of patients, 444  
instruments, equipment, and medications for surgery; 445

(b) Collect or supervise the collection of specimens and 446  
perform laboratory procedures as required by the supervising 447  
veterinarian; 448

(c) Apply wound dressings, casts, or splints as required 449  
by the supervising veterinarian; 450

(d) Assist a veterinarian in immunologic, diagnostic, 451  
medical, and surgical procedures; 452

(e) Suture skin incisions; 453

(f) Administer or supervise the administration of topical, 454



oral, or parenteral medication under the direction of the 455  
supervising veterinarian; 456

(g) Other ancillary veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ functions 457  
that are performed pursuant to the order and control and under 458  
the full responsibility of a licensed veterinarian. 459

(h) Any additional duties as established by the board in 460  
rule. 461

(2) A registered veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ operating 462  
under direct veterinary supervision may perform all of the 463  
following: 464

(a) Induce and monitor general anesthesia according to 465  
medically recognized and appropriate methods; 466

(b) Dental prophylaxis, periodontal care, and extraction 467  
not involving sectioning of teeth or resection of bone or both 468  
of these; 469

(c) Equine dental procedures, including the floating of 470  
molars, premolars, and canine teeth; removal of deciduous teeth; 471  
and the extraction of first premolars or wolf teeth. 472

The degree of supervision by a licensed veterinarian over 473  
the functions performed by the registered veterinary ~~technician-~~ 474  
nurse shall be consistent with the standards of generally 475  
accepted veterinary medical practices. 476

(D) A veterinarian licensed to practice in this state 477  
shall not present the person's self as or state a claim that the 478  
person is a specialist unless the veterinarian has previously 479  
met the requirements for certification by a specialty 480  
organization recognized by the American board of veterinary 481  
specialties for a specialty or such other requirements set by 482

rule of the board and has paid the fee required by division (A) 483  
(10) of section 4741.17 of the Revised Code. 484

(E) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, any 485  
animal owner or the owner's designee may engage in the practice 486  
of embryo transfer on the owner's animal if a licensed 487  
veterinarian directly supervises the owner or the owner's 488  
designee and the means used to perform the embryo transfer are 489  
nonsurgical. 490

(F) Allied medical support may assist a licensed 491  
veterinarian to the extent to which the law that governs the 492  
individual providing the support permits, if all of the 493  
following apply: 494

(1) A valid veterinary-client-patient-relationship exists. 495

(2) The individual acts under direct veterinary 496  
supervision. 497

(3) The allied medical support individual receives 498  
informed, written, client consent. 499

(4) The veterinarian maintains responsibility for the 500  
patient and keeps the patient's medical records. 501

The board may inspect the facilities of an allied medical 502  
support individual in connection with an investigation based on 503  
a complaint received in accordance with section 4741.26 of the 504  
Revised Code involving that individual. 505

**Sec. 4741.22.** (A) The state veterinary medical licensing 506  
board may refuse to issue or renew a license, limited license, 507  
registration, or temporary permit to or of any applicant who, 508  
and may issue a reprimand to, suspend or revoke the license, 509  
limited license, registration, or the temporary permit of, or 510

impose a civil penalty pursuant to this section upon any person 511  
holding a license, limited license, or temporary permit to 512  
practice veterinary medicine or any person registered as a 513  
registered veterinary ~~technician~~nurse who: 514

(1) In the conduct of the person's practice does not 515  
conform to the rules of the board or the standards of the 516  
profession governing proper, humane, sanitary, and hygienic 517  
methods to be used in the care and treatment of animals; 518

(2) Uses fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in any 519  
application or examination for licensure, or any other 520  
documentation created in the course of practicing veterinary 521  
medicine; 522

(3) Is found to be physically or psychologically addicted 523  
to alcohol or an illegal or controlled substance, as defined in 524  
section 3719.01 of the Revised Code, to such a degree as to 525  
render the person unfit to practice veterinary medicine; 526

(4) Directly or indirectly employs or lends the person's 527  
services to a solicitor for the purpose of obtaining patients; 528

(5) Obtains a fee on the assurance that an incurable 529  
disease can be cured; 530

(6) Advertises in a manner that violates section 4741.21 531  
of the Revised Code; 532

(7) Divides fees or charges or has any arrangement to 533  
share fees or charges with any other person, except on the basis 534  
of services performed; 535

(8) Sells any biologic containing living, dead, or 536  
sensitized organisms or products of those organisms, except in a 537  
manner that the board by rule has prescribed; 538

- (9) Is convicted of or pleads guilty to any felony or 539  
crime involving illegal or prescription drugs, or fails to 540  
report to the board within sixty days of the individual's 541  
conviction of, plea of guilty to, or treatment in lieu of 542  
conviction involving a felony, misdemeanor of the first degree, 543  
or offense involving illegal or prescription drugs; 544
- (10) Is convicted of any violation of section 959.13 of 545  
the Revised Code; 546
- (11) Swears falsely in any affidavit required to be made 547  
by the person in the course of the practice of veterinary 548  
medicine; 549
- (12) Fails to report promptly to the proper official any 550  
known reportable disease; 551
- (13) Fails to report promptly vaccinations or the results 552  
of tests when required to do so by law or rule; 553
- (14) Has been adjudicated incompetent for the purpose of 554  
holding the license or permit by a court, as provided in Chapter 555  
2111. of the Revised Code, and has not been restored to legal 556  
capacity for that purpose; 557
- (15) Permits a person who is not a licensed veterinarian, 558  
a veterinary student, or a registered veterinary ~~technician~~ 559  
nurse to engage in work or perform duties in violation of this 560  
chapter; 561
- (16) Is guilty of gross incompetence or gross negligence; 562
- (17) Has had a license to practice veterinary medicine or 563  
a license, registration, or certificate to engage in activities 564  
as a registered veterinary ~~technician~~nurse revoked, suspended, 565  
or acted against by disciplinary action by an agency similar to 566

this board of another state, territory, or country or the District of Columbia;

(18) Is or has practiced with a revoked, suspended, inactive, expired, or terminated license or registration;

(19) Represents self as a specialist unless certified as a specialist by the board;

(20) In the person's capacity as a veterinarian or registered veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ makes or files a report, health certificate, vaccination certificate, or other document that the person knows is false or negligently or intentionally fails to file a report or record required by any applicable state or federal law;

(21) Fails to use reasonable care in the administration of drugs or acceptable scientific methods in the selection of those drugs or other modalities for treatment of a disease or in conduct of surgery;

(22) Makes available a dangerous drug, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, to any person other than for the specific treatment of an animal patient;

(23) Refuses to permit a board investigator or the board's designee to inspect the person's business premises during regular business hours, except as provided in division (A) of section 4741.26 of the Revised Code;

(24) Violates any order of the board or fails to comply with a subpoena of the board;

(25) Fails to maintain medical records as required by rule of the board;

(26) Engages in cruelty to animals;

(27) Uses, prescribes, or sells any veterinary 595  
prescription drug or biologic, or prescribes any extra-label use 596  
of any over-the-counter drug or dangerous drug in the absence of 597  
a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship. 598

(B) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, 599  
before the board may revoke, deny, refuse to renew, or suspend a 600  
license, registration, or temporary permit or otherwise 601  
discipline the holder of a license, registration, or temporary 602  
permit, the executive director shall file written charges with 603  
the board. The board shall conduct a hearing on the charges as 604  
provided in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 605

(C) If the board, after a hearing conducted pursuant to 606  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, revokes, refuses to renew, or 607  
suspends a license, registration, or temporary permit for a 608  
violation of this section, section 4741.23, division (C) or (D) 609  
of section 4741.19, or division (B), (C), or (D) of section 610  
4741.21 of the Revised Code, the board may impose a civil 611  
penalty upon the holder of the license, permit, or registration 612  
of not less than one hundred dollars or more than one thousand 613  
dollars. In addition to the civil penalty and any other 614  
penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter, the board may assess 615  
any holder of a license, permit, or registration the costs of 616  
the hearing conducted under this section if the board determines 617  
that the holder has violated any provision for which the board 618  
may impose a civil penalty under this section. 619

(D) The executive director may recommend that the board 620  
suspend an individual's certificate of license without a prior 621  
hearing if the executive director determines both of the 622  
following: 623

(1) There is clear and convincing evidence that division 624

(A) (3), (9), (14), (22), or (26) of this section applies to the 625  
individual. 626

(2) The individual's continued practice presents a danger 627  
of immediate and serious harm to the public. 628

The executive director shall prepare written allegations 629  
for consideration by the board. The board, upon review of those 630  
allegations and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than four of 631  
its members, may suspend the certificate without a prior 632  
hearing. A telephone conference call may be utilized for 633  
reviewing the allegations and taking the vote on the suspension. 634

The board shall issue a written order of suspension by 635  
certified mail or in person in accordance with section 119.07 of 636  
the Revised Code. If the individual subject to the suspension 637  
requests an adjudicatory hearing by the board, the date set for 638  
the hearing shall be not later than fifteen days, but not 639  
earlier than seven days after the individual requests the 640  
hearing unless otherwise agreed to by both the board and the 641  
individual. 642

A suspension imposed under this division shall remain in 643  
effect, unless reversed on appeal, until a final adjudicative 644  
order issued by the board under this section and Chapter 119. of 645  
the Revised Code becomes effective. The board shall issue its 646  
final adjudicative order not later than ninety days after 647  
completion of its hearing. Failure to issue the order within 648  
ninety days results in dissolution of the suspension order, but 649  
does not invalidate any subsequent, final adjudicative order. 650

(E) A license or registration issued to an individual 651  
under this chapter is automatically suspended upon that 652  
individual's conviction of or plea of guilty to or upon a 653

judicial finding with regard to any of the following: aggravated 654  
murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, 655  
kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, 656  
aggravated arson, aggravated robbery, or aggravated burglary. 657  
The suspension shall remain in effect from the date of the 658  
conviction, plea, or finding until an adjudication is held under 659  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the board has knowledge 660  
that an automatic suspension has occurred, it shall notify the 661  
individual subject to the suspension. If the individual is 662  
notified and either fails to request an adjudication within the 663  
time periods established by Chapter 119. of the Revised Code or 664  
fails to participate in the adjudication, the board shall enter 665  
a final order permanently revoking the individual's license or 666  
registration. 667

**Sec. 4741.221.** (A) The state veterinary medical licensing 668  
board may, prior to or after a hearing conducted under section 669  
4741.22 of the Revised Code, and in lieu of taking or in 670  
addition to any action it may take under that section, refer any 671  
veterinarian or registered veterinarian-~~technician~~ nurse: 672

(1) Who suffers from alcohol or substance abuse, to the 673  
Ohio veterinary medical association special assistance 674  
committee, the Ohio physicians health program, or an advocacy 675  
group approved by the board, for support and assistance in the 676  
coordination of the treatment of that veterinarian or ~~technician~~ 677  
nurse; 678

(2) Who has violated any provision of this chapter for any 679  
offense for which the board normally would not seek the 680  
revocation or suspension of the person's license or 681  
registration, to the Ohio veterinary medical association special 682  
committee on peer review. 683



(B) To implement this section, the board shall adopt rules 684  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 685

**Sec. 4741.24.** (A) Except as provided in division (B) of 686  
this section, any person whose license, registration, or 687  
temporary permit is suspended or revoked may, at the discretion 688  
of the state veterinary medical licensing board, be relicensed 689  
or reregistered to practice at any time without an examination, 690  
on application made to the board. The application for 691  
reinstatement shall be in writing, in a form prescribed by the 692  
board, signed by the applicant, and shall be delivered to the 693  
executive director of the board. 694

(B) Any person whose license, registration, or temporary 695  
permit has been revoked for a violation of section 4741.18, 696  
4741.22, or 4741.23 or division (A), (C), or (D) of section 697  
4741.19, division (A) of section 4741.20, or division (B) or (D) 698  
of section 4741.21 of the Revised Code, shall be permanently 699  
barred from practicing veterinary medicine or holding a license 700  
to practice veterinary medicine or holding a registration as a 701  
registered veterinary ~~technician-nurse~~ in this state for a 702  
subsequent violation of any of such provisions. The board shall, 703  
by certified mail, notify all other state veterinary licensing 704  
boards of permanent revocation actions. 705

(C) Any person whose license or temporary permit to 706  
practice veterinary medicine is suspended or revoked is an 707  
unlicensed person. 708

**Section 2.** That existing sections 955.16, 4729.531, 709  
4729.532, 4741.01, 4741.02, 4741.17, 4741.171, 4741.19, 4741.22, 710  
4741.221, and 4741.24 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 711

**Section 3.** (A) A veterinary technician registration issued 712

to a person under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code that is 713  
valid on the effective date of this section continues in effect 714  
as if the registration is issued for a veterinary nurse. If the 715  
person applies to renew the registration after the effective 716  
date of this section, the person shall be registered as a 717  
veterinary nurse if the person is eligible for such renewal 718  
under applicable law. 719

(B) In changing the term "registered veterinary 720  
technician" to "registered veterinary nurse," this act does not 721  
change the scope of practice of, or the registration or 722  
certification credentials required for, such registered 723  
individuals. 724