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**A BILL**

To amend section 4741.16 of the Revised Code to 1  
allow a licensed veterinarian to receive up to 2  
two continuing education credits per biennium 3  
for performing free spaying and neutering 4  
services. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 4741.16 of the Revised Code be 6  
amended to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 4741.16.** (A) A license to practice veterinary 8  
medicine issued by the state veterinary medical licensing board 9  
pursuant to sections 4741.11 to 4741.13 of the Revised Code 10  
expires biennially on the first day of March in even-numbered 11  
years. A limited license to practice veterinary medicine issued 12  
by the board pursuant to those sections expires biennially on 13  
the first day of July. A license or limited license may be 14  
renewed in accordance with the standard renewal procedures 15  
contained in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code upon payment of 16  
the required renewal fee and fulfillment of the continuing 17  
education requirements contained in division (B) of this section 18

unless otherwise provided by law. The board shall issue a 19  
duplicate certificate to any holder upon request and upon due 20  
proof of loss of the original. 21

(B) As a condition precedent to each renewal of a license 22  
or limited license, a licensed veterinarian shall demonstrate, 23  
to the satisfaction of the board, that the licensed veterinarian 24  
has completed thirty hours of continuing education during the 25  
two years immediately preceding renewal of the licensed 26  
veterinarian's license or limited license that meets the 27  
requirements established by rule of the board as to form and 28  
content. 29

(C) (1) A licensed veterinarian may receive up to two hours 30  
of continuing education for purposes of division (B) of this 31  
section each biennium if the licensed veterinarian performs free 32  
spaying and neutering services in accordance with this division. 33  
The licensed veterinarian shall provide the services at a 34  
practice, facility, or property that is appropriately equipped 35  
and staffed to provide such services. In addition, the licensed 36  
veterinarian shall perform the services in conjunction with one 37  
of the following: 38

(a) A county humane society operating pursuant to section 39  
1717.05 of the Revised Code; 40

(b) A county dog pound operating pursuant to section 41  
955.15 of the Revised Code; 42

(c) A municipal dog pound operating under the authority of 43  
section 955.221 of the Revised Code; 44

(d) An organization that is exempt from federal income 45  
taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 46  
that is dedicated to animal protection and welfare. 47

For every one hour of free spaying and neutering services 48  
that the licensed veterinarian performs, the licensed 49  
veterinarian shall receive one-half hour of continuing education 50  
credit. 51

(2) In order to receive continuing education credits under 52  
division (C) (1) of this section, a licensed veterinarian who 53  
offers free spaying and neutering services shall, in accordance 54  
with division (C) (3) of this section, make provisions for free 55  
follow-up services for any post-operative complications related 56  
to the surgery that arise within twenty-four hours of performing 57  
the surgery. 58

(3) The state veterinary medical licensing board shall 59  
adopt policies and procedures necessary for the administration 60  
of division (C) (2) of this section, including allowing a 61  
licensed veterinarian who performs free spaying and neutering 62  
services to assign another licensed veterinarian to provide free 63  
follow-up services for any post-operative complications. 64

(D) The board may waive the requirement of division (B) of 65  
this section if the licensee submits an affidavit evidencing 66  
that the licensee was prevented from attending an approved 67  
educational program during a year because of the occurrence of 68  
an unusual and prolonged emergency, provided the licensee 69  
otherwise complies with such requirements as the board 70  
determines. 71

~~(D)~~(E) Educational program requirements not completed 72  
during the biennial license period, due to a waiver granted by 73  
the board under division ~~(C)~~(D) of this section, are cumulative 74  
on the requirements for the succeeding biennial license period. 75

~~(E)~~(F) Any license or limited license which is not 76

renewed at the end of the biennium becomes an inactive license 77  
or limited license. A licensee may reactivate an inactive 78  
license or limited license upon application to the board. The 79  
board shall prescribe continuing education and other 80  
requirements as it considers necessary to reactivate a license 81  
or limited license. Any license or limited license which has 82  
been inactive for more than four years expires if the licensee 83  
has not applied for reactivation of the license or limited 84  
license. Upon expiration, a license or limited license becomes 85  
void. 86

~~(F)~~(G) Division ~~(E)~~(F) of this section does not apply to 87  
any veterinarian who serves solely in a professional capacity 88  
with any federal, state, or local government agency or with any 89  
branch of the armed forces of the United States. 90

**Section 2.** That existing section 4741.16 of the Revised 91  
Code is hereby repealed. 92