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A BILL

To amend sections 4741.20 and 4765.01 and to enact 1
section 4765.52 of the Revised Code to authorize 2
a first responder, emergency medical technician- 3
basic, emergency medical technician- 4
intermediate, emergency medical technician- 5
paramedic, or volunteer firefighter to stabilize 6
an injured animal in an emergency. 7

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

Section 1. That sections 4741.20 and 4765.01 be amended 8
and section 4765.52 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 9
follows: 10

Sec. 4741.20. This chapter does not apply to: 11

(A) A person who administers to animals, the title to 12
which is vested in the person's self, except when the title is 13
so vested for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of 14
this chapter. No person shall vest title of an animal in the 15
person's self for the purposes of circumventing this chapter. 16

(B) A person who is a regular student in a legally 17

chartered college of veterinary medicine or a veterinary 18
technology college while in the performance of those duties and 19
actions assigned by the person's instructors; 20

(C) A person who is a member of the armed forces of the 21
United States or an employee of the United States department of 22
agriculture, the United States public health service, or other 23
federal agency, or the Ohio department of agriculture except a 24
licensed veterinarian, and who, while so commissioned or 25
employed, performs official duties; 26

(D) A person who advises with respect to or performs acts 27
which the state veterinary medical licensing board by rule has 28
prescribed as accepted management practices in connection with 29
livestock production; 30

(E) A person who conducts routine vaccinations, pullorum 31
testing, and typhoid testing of poultry and other poultry 32
disease control activity under supervision of a national poultry 33
improvement plan as administered by an official state agency or 34
the United States department of agriculture; 35

(F) A physician licensed to practice medicine in this 36
state, or the assistant of such a licensed physician, while 37
engaged in medical research; 38

(G) A person who is supervised by a licensed veterinarian 39
and who is engaged in bona fide medical biomedical research 40
which requires the application of the principles of a veterinary 41
practice; 42

(H) A veterinary consultant when consulting with a 43
licensed veterinarian, on the condition that the service 44
performed by the veterinary consultant is limited to the 45
consultation and under all circumstances, the responsibility for 46

the care and treatment of the patient remains with the 47
veterinarian who holds a current license in this state and who 48
is providing treatment, or consultation as to treatment, to the 49
patient; 50

(I) A person who offers gratuitous services in the case of 51
an emergency; 52

(J) Any of the following, as defined in section 4765.01 of 53
the Revised Code, who provides emergency care in accordance with 54
section 4765.52 of the Revised Code: a first responder, 55
emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical 56
technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-paramedic, 57
or volunteer firefighter. 58

Sec. 4765.01. As used in this chapter: 59

(A) "First responder" means an individual who holds a 60
current, valid certificate issued under section 4765.30 of the 61
Revised Code to practice as a first responder. 62

(B) "Emergency medical technician-basic" or "EMT-basic" 63
means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate 64
issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to practice as 65
an emergency medical technician-basic. 66

(C) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate" or "EMT-I" 67
means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate 68
issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to practice as 69
an emergency medical technician-intermediate. 70

(D) "Emergency medical technician-paramedic" or 71
"paramedic" means an individual who holds a current, valid 72
certificate issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to 73
practice as an emergency medical technician-paramedic. 74

(E) "Ambulance" means any motor vehicle that is used, or 75
is intended to be used, for the purpose of responding to 76
emergency medical situations, transporting emergency patients, 77
and administering emergency medical service to patients before, 78
during, or after transportation. 79

(F) "Cardiac monitoring" means a procedure used for the 80
purpose of observing and documenting the rate and rhythm of a 81
patient's heart by attaching electrical leads from an 82
electrocardiograph monitor to certain points on the patient's 83
body surface. 84

(G) "Emergency medical service" means any of the services 85
described in sections 4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, and 4765.39 of 86
the Revised Code that are performed by first responders, 87
emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency medical 88
technicians-intermediate, and paramedics. "Emergency medical 89
service" includes such services performed before or during any 90
transport of a patient, including transports between hospitals 91
and transports to and from helicopters. 92

(H) "Emergency medical service organization" means a 93
public or private organization using first responders, EMTs- 94
basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics, or a combination of first 95
responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics, to provide 96
emergency medical services. 97

(I) "Physician" means an individual who holds a current, 98
valid certificate issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code 99
authorizing the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic 100
medicine and surgery. 101

(J) "Registered nurse" means an individual who holds a 102
current, valid license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised 103

Code authorizing the practice of nursing as a registered nurse.	104
(K) "Volunteer" means a person who provides services	105
either for no compensation or for compensation that does not	106
exceed the actual expenses incurred in providing the services or	107
in training to provide the services.	108
(L) "Emergency medical service personnel" means first	109
responders, emergency medical service technicians-basic,	110
emergency medical service technicians-intermediate, emergency	111
medical service technicians-paramedic, and persons who provide	112
medical direction to such persons.	113
(M) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01	114
of the Revised Code.	115
(N) "Trauma" or "traumatic injury" means severe damage to	116
or destruction of tissue that satisfies both of the following	117
conditions:	118
(1) It creates a significant risk of any of the following:	119
(a) Loss of life;	120
(b) Loss of a limb;	121
(c) Significant, permanent disfigurement;	122
(d) Significant, permanent disability.	123
(2) It is caused by any of the following:	124
(a) Blunt or penetrating injury;	125
(b) Exposure to electromagnetic, chemical, or radioactive	126
energy;	127
(c) Drowning, suffocation, or strangulation;	128
(d) A deficit or excess of heat.	129

(O) "Trauma victim" or "trauma patient" means a person who 130
has sustained a traumatic injury. 131

(P) "Trauma care" means the assessment, diagnosis, 132
transportation, treatment, or rehabilitation of a trauma victim 133
by emergency medical service personnel or by a physician, nurse, 134
physician assistant, respiratory therapist, physical therapist, 135
chiropractor, occupational therapist, speech-language 136
pathologist, audiologist, or psychologist licensed to practice 137
as such in this state or another jurisdiction. 138

(Q) "Trauma center" means all of the following: 139

(1) Any hospital that is verified by the American college 140
of surgeons as an adult or pediatric trauma center; 141

(2) Any hospital that is operating as an adult or 142
pediatric trauma center under provisional status pursuant to 143
section 3727.101 of the Revised Code; 144

(3) Until December 31, 2004, any hospital in this state 145
that is designated by the director of health as a level II 146
pediatric trauma center under section 3727.081 of the Revised 147
Code; 148

(4) Any hospital in another state that is licensed or 149
designated under the laws of that state as capable of providing 150
specialized trauma care appropriate to the medical needs of the 151
trauma patient. 152

(R) "Pediatric" means involving a patient who is less than 153
sixteen years of age. 154

(S) "Adult" means involving a patient who is not a 155
pediatric patient. 156

(T) "Geriatric" means involving a patient who is at least 157

seventy years old or exhibits significant anatomical or	158
physiological characteristics associated with advanced aging.	159
(U) "Air medical organization" means an organization that	160
provides emergency medical services, or transports emergency	161
victims, by means of fixed or rotary wing aircraft.	162
(V) "Emergency care" and "emergency facility" have the	163
same meanings as in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code.	164
(W) "Stabilize," except as it is used in division (B) of	165
section 4765.35 of the Revised Code with respect to the manual	166
stabilization of fractures <u>or as it is used in section 4765.52</u>	167
<u>of the Revised Code with respect to the stabilization of an</u>	168
<u>animal</u> , has the same meaning as in section 1753.28 of the	169
Revised Code.	170
(X) "Transfer" has the same meaning as in section 1753.28	171
of the Revised Code.	172
(Y) "Firefighter" means any member of a fire department as	173
defined in section 742.01 of the Revised Code.	174
(Z) "Volunteer firefighter" has the same meaning as in	175
section 146.01 of the Revised Code.	176
(AA) "Part-time paid firefighter" means a person who	177
provides firefighting services on less than a full-time basis,	178
is routinely scheduled to be present on site at a fire station	179
or other designated location for purposes of responding to a	180
fire or other emergency, and receives more than nominal	181
compensation for the provision of firefighting services.	182
(BB) "Physician assistant" means an individual who holds a	183
valid certificate to practice as a physician assistant issued	184
under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code.	185

Sec. 4765.52. In the course of performing an emergency 186
medical service or trauma care, a first responder, emergency 187
medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician- 188
intermediate, emergency medical technician-paramedic, or 189
volunteer firefighter may take action to stabilize an injured 190
animal prior to the animal being transferred to a veterinarian 191
for further treatment. Except for the administration of oxygen 192
by mask, the first responder, emergency medical technician, or 193
volunteer firefighter shall not administer a drug to the animal 194
without first consulting with a veterinarian licensed under 195
Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code. 196

Section 2. That existing sections 4741.20 and 4765.01 of 197
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 198