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A BILL

To amend sections 955.16, 959.06, 4729.01, 4729.531, 4729.532, 4729.54, and 4729.55 and to enact sections 955.151, 959.134, 3719.091, 4729.533, 4729.534, 4729.535, 4729.542, 4729.991, and 4741.201 of the Revised Code to establish requirements governing the chemical capture of animals, prohibit the use of gas chambers when euthanizing an animal, and to make changes to the law governing euthanasia of an animal by lethal injection.

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

Section 1. That sections 955.16, 959.06, 4729.01, 4729.531, 4729.532, 4729.54, and 4729.55 be amended and sections 955.151, 959.134, 3719.091, 4729.533, 4729.534, 4729.535, 4729.542, 4729.991, and 4741.201 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 955.151. (A) As used in this section:

"Animal shelter" has the same meaning as in section

4729.01 of the Revised Code.

"Certified officer" means an individual who holds a certificate issued under section 4729.534 of the Revised Code.

"Chemical capture" means using an anesthetic drug on a companion animal to do any of the following:

(1) Immobilize and capture;

(2) Attempt to immobilize and capture;

(3) Attempt to immobilize or capture.

"Companion animal" has the same meaning as in section 959.131 of the Revised Code.

(B) A certified officer appointed or employed by an animal shelter or county dog warden that holds a chemical capture classification granted under section 4729.533 of the Revised Code may, in accordance with that section and rules adopted under it, chemically capture a companion animal to limit injury to the officer, the animal or another animal, or the public.

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

(1) Immediate humane destruction of the dog is necessary because of obvious disease or injury. If the diseased or injured dog is registered, as determined from the current year's registration list maintained by the warden and the county auditor of the county where the dog is registered, the necessity of destroying the dog shall be certified by a licensed veterinarian or a registered veterinary technician. If the dog is not registered, the decision to destroy it shall be made by the warden.

(2) The dog is currently registered on the registration

list maintained by the warden and the auditor of the county where the dog is registered and the attempts to notify the owner, keeper, or harborer under section 955.12 of the Revised Code have failed, in which case the dog shall be kept, housed, and fed for fourteen days for the purpose of redemption.

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

~~At any time after such periods of redemption, any dog not redeemed shall be donated to any nonprofit special agency that is engaged in the training of any type of assistance dogs and that requests that the dog be donated to it.~~ Any dog not so redeemed ~~that is not requested by such an agency~~ may be ~~sold, except that no dog sold to a person other than a nonprofit teaching or research institution or organization of the type described in division (B) of this section~~ adopted out or donated to any person, including a nonprofit special agency that is engaged in the training of any type of assistance dogs or to a nonprofit teaching or research institution or organization that is certified by the director of health as being engaged in teaching or research concerning the prevention and treatment of diseases of human beings or animals. The county dog warden may charge an adoption fee for any dog that is adopted. Except as provided in division (B) of this section, no dog shall be discharged from the pound or animal shelter until the animal has been registered and furnished with a valid registration tag.

(B) ~~Any dog that is not redeemed within the applicable period as specified in this section or section 955.12 of the Revised Code from the time notice is mailed to its owner,~~

~~keeper, or harborer or is posted at the pound or animal shelter, as required by section 955.12 of the Revised Code, and that is not required to be donated to a nonprofit special agency engaged in the training of any type of assistance dogs may, upon payment to the dog warden or poundkeeper of the sum of three dollars, be sold to any nonprofit Ohio institution or organization that is certified by the director of health as being engaged in teaching or research concerning the prevention and treatment of diseases of human beings or animals.~~ Any dog that is donated to a nonprofit special agency engaged in the training of any type of assistance dogs in accordance with division (A) of this section and any dog that is sold to any nonprofit teaching or research institution or organization shall be discharged from the pound or animal shelter without registration and may be kept by the agency or by the institution or organization without registration so long as the dog is being trained, or is being used for teaching and research purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 959.06. (A) As used in this section, "animal shelter" means a facility operated by a humane society or any society organized under Chapter 1717. of the Revised Code, a dog pound operated pursuant to Chapter 955. of the Revised Code, or a local animal shelter that is operated by any entity of local government.

(B) No person shall destroy any domestic animal by the use of ~~a~~ either of the following:

(1) A high altitude decompression chamber; or ~~by any~~

(2) Any method other than a method that immediately and painlessly renders the domestic animal initially unconscious and subsequently dead.

~~(B)~~ (C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, no animal shelter shall destroy a domestic animal by the use of a carbon monoxide gas chamber, carbon dioxide gas chamber, or any other nonanesthetic inhalant.

(2) An animal shelter may destroy a domestic animal by the use of a carbon monoxide gas chamber, carbon dioxide gas chamber, or any other nonanesthetic inhalant if the state veterinary medical licensing board, in consultation with the state board of pharmacy, declares that there is a shortage of approved lethal injection substances.

(D) This section does not apply to or prohibit the slaughtering of livestock under Chapter 945. of the Revised Code, or the taking of any wild animal, as defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code, when taken in accordance with Chapter 1533. of the Revised Code.

(E) This section does not apply to either of the following:

(1) The lawful practice of veterinary medicine by a person who has been issued a license, temporary permit, or registration certificate under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code;

(2) An animal used in scientific research conducted by a research facility in accordance with the federal animal welfare act and related regulations. As used in division (E)(2) of this section, "federal animal welfare act" has the same meaning as in section 959.131 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 959.134. (A) Chemical capture of a companion animal by a certified officer in accordance with the laws of this state is not an act of cruelty.

(B)(1) "Chemical capture" and "certified officer" have the same meanings as in section 955.151 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Companion animal" has the same meaning as in section

959.131 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3719.091. (A) A certified officer may possess or control a dangerous drug if both of the following apply:

(1) The possession or control of the dangerous drug is for the chemical capture of an animal in accordance with section 955.151 of the Revised Code.

(2) Such chemical capture occurs within the scope of the officer's duties.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Certified officer" has the same meaning as in section 955.151 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Dangerous drug" has the same meaning as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4729.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Pharmacy," except when used in a context that refers to the practice of pharmacy, means any area, room, rooms, place of business, department, or portion of any of the foregoing where the practice of pharmacy is conducted.

(B) "Practice of pharmacy" means providing pharmacist care requiring specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill derived from the principles of biological, chemical, behavioral, social, pharmaceutical, and clinical sciences. As used in this division, "pharmacist care" includes the following:

(1) Interpreting prescriptions;

(2) Dispensing drugs and drug therapy related devices;

(3) Compounding drugs;

(4) Counseling individuals with regard to their drug therapy, recommending drug therapy related devices, and assisting in the selection of drugs and appliances for treatment

of common diseases and injuries and providing instruction in the proper use of the drugs and appliances;

(5) Performing drug regimen reviews with individuals by discussing all of the drugs that the individual is taking and explaining the interactions of the drugs;

(6) Performing drug utilization reviews with licensed health professionals authorized to prescribe drugs when the pharmacist determines that an individual with a prescription has a drug regimen that warrants additional discussion with the prescriber;

(7) Advising an individual and the health care professionals treating an individual with regard to the individual's drug therapy;

(8) Acting pursuant to a consult agreement with one or more physicians authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, if an agreement has been established;

(9) Engaging in the administration of immunizations to the extent authorized by section 4729.41 of the Revised Code;

(10) Engaging in the administration of drugs to the extent authorized by section 4729.45 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Compounding" means the preparation, mixing, assembling, packaging, and labeling of one or more drugs in any of the following circumstances:

(1) Pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs;

(2) Pursuant to the modification of a prescription made in accordance with a consult agreement;

(3) As an incident to research, teaching activities, or chemical analysis;

(4) In anticipation of orders for drugs pursuant to prescriptions, based on routine, regularly observed dispensing patterns;

(5) Pursuant to a request made by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs for a drug that is to be used by the professional for the purpose of direct administration to patients in the course of the professional's practice, if all of the following apply:

(a) At the time the request is made, the drug is not commercially available regardless of the reason that the drug is not available, including the absence of a manufacturer for the drug or the lack of a readily available supply of the drug from a manufacturer.

(b) A limited quantity of the drug is compounded and provided to the professional.

(c) The drug is compounded and provided to the professional as an occasional exception to the normal practice of dispensing drugs pursuant to patient-specific prescriptions.

(D) "Consult agreement" means an agreement that has been entered into under section 4729.39 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Drug" means:

(1) Any article recognized in the United States pharmacopoeia and national formulary, or any supplement to them, intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or animals;

(2) Any other article intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or animals;

(3) Any article, other than food, intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of humans or animals;

(4) Any article intended for use as a component of any article specified in division (E)(1), (2), or (3) of this section; but does not include devices or their components, parts, or accessories.

(F) "Dangerous drug" means any of the following:

(1) Any drug to which either of the following applies:

(a) Under the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, the drug is required to bear a label containing the legend "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription" or "Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian" or any similar restrictive statement, or the drug may be dispensed only upon a prescription;

(b) Under Chapter 3715. or 3719. of the Revised Code, the drug may be dispensed only upon a prescription.

(2) Any drug that contains a schedule V controlled substance and that is exempt from Chapter 3719. of the Revised Code or to which that chapter does not apply;

(3) Any drug intended for administration by injection into the human body other than through a natural orifice of the human body;

(4) Any drug that is a biological product, as defined in section 3715.01 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Federal drug abuse control laws" has the same meaning as in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Prescription" means all of the following:

(1) A written, electronic, or oral order for drugs or combinations or mixtures of drugs to be used by a particular individual or for treating a particular animal, issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs;

(2) For purposes of sections 2925.61, 4723.488, 4729.44, 4730.431, and 4731.94 of the Revised Code, a written, electronic, or oral order for naloxone issued to and in the name of a family member, friend, or other individual in a position to assist an individual who there is reason to believe is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

(3) For purposes of sections 4723.4810, 4729.282, 4730.432, and 4731.93 of the Revised Code, a written, electronic, or oral order for a drug to treat chlamydia, gonorrhea, or trichomoniasis issued to and in the name of a patient who is not the intended user of the drug but is the sexual partner of the intended user;

(4) For purposes of sections 3313.7110, 3313.7111, 3314.143, 3326.28, 3328.29, 4723.483, 4729.88, 4730.433, 4731.96, and 5101.76 of the Revised Code, a written, electronic, or oral order for an epinephrine autoinjector issued to and in the name of a school, school district, or camp;

(5) For purposes of Chapter 3728. and sections 4723.483, 4729.88, 4730.433, and 4731.96 of the Revised Code, a written, electronic, or oral order for an epinephrine autoinjector issued to and in the name of a qualified entity, as defined in section 3728.01 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs" or "prescriber" means an individual who is authorized by law to prescribe drugs or dangerous drugs or drug therapy related devices in the course of the individual's professional practice, including only the following:

(1) A dentist licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code;

(2) A clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who holds a current, valid license to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered

nurse issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;

(3) An optometrist licensed under Chapter 4725. of the Revised Code to practice optometry under a therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate;

(4) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery;

(5) A physician assistant who holds a license to practice as a physician assistant issued under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code, holds a valid prescriber number issued by the state medical board, and has been granted physician-delegated prescriptive authority;

(6) A veterinarian licensed under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code.

(J) "Sale" or "sell" includes any transaction made by any person, whether as principal proprietor, agent, or employee, to do or offer to do any of the following: deliver, distribute, broker, exchange, gift or otherwise give away, or transfer, whether the transfer is by passage of title, physical movement, or both.

(K) "Wholesale sale" and "sale at wholesale" mean any sale in which the purpose of the purchaser is to resell the article purchased or received by the purchaser.

(L) "Retail sale" and "sale at retail" mean any sale other than a wholesale sale or sale at wholesale.

(M) "Retail seller" means any person that sells any dangerous drug to consumers without assuming control over and responsibility for its administration. Mere advice or instructions regarding administration do not constitute control or establish responsibility.

(N) "Price information" means the price charged for a prescription for a particular drug product and, in an easily understandable manner, all of the following:

(1) The proprietary name of the drug product;

(2) The established (generic) name of the drug product;

(3) The strength of the drug product if the product contains a single active ingredient or if the drug product contains more than one active ingredient and a relevant strength can be associated with the product without indicating each active ingredient. The established name and quantity of each active ingredient are required if such a relevant strength cannot be so associated with a drug product containing more than one ingredient.

(4) The dosage form;

(5) The price charged for a specific quantity of the drug product. The stated price shall include all charges to the consumer, including, but not limited to, the cost of the drug product, professional fees, handling fees, if any, and a statement identifying professional services routinely furnished by the pharmacy. Any mailing fees and delivery fees may be stated separately without repetition. The information shall not be false or misleading.

(O) "Wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs" or "wholesale distributor" means a person engaged in the sale of dangerous drugs at wholesale and includes any agent or employee of such a person authorized by the person to engage in the sale of dangerous drugs at wholesale.

(P) "Manufacturer of dangerous drugs" or "manufacturer" means a person, other than a pharmacist or prescriber, who manufactures dangerous drugs and who is engaged in the sale of those dangerous drugs.

(Q) "Terminal distributor of dangerous drugs" or "terminal distributor" means a person who is engaged in the sale of dangerous drugs at retail, or any person, other than a manufacturer, repackager, outsourcing facility, third-party logistics provider, wholesale distributor, or pharmacist, who has possession, custody, or control of dangerous drugs for any purpose other than for that person's own use and consumption. "Terminal distributor" includes pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, and laboratories and all other persons who procure dangerous drugs for sale or other distribution by or under the supervision of a pharmacist or licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs.

(R) "Promote to the public" means disseminating a representation to the public in any manner or by any means, other than by labeling, for the purpose of inducing, or that is likely to induce, directly or indirectly, the purchase of a dangerous drug at retail.

(S) "Person" includes any individual, partnership, association, limited liability company, or corporation, the state, any political subdivision of the state, and any district, department, or agency of the state or its political subdivisions.

(T)(1) "Animal shelter" means a facility operated by a humane society or any society organized under Chapter 1717. of the Revised Code or a dog pound operated pursuant to Chapter 955. of the Revised Code.

(2) "County dog warden" means a dog warden or deputy dog warden appointed or employed under section 955.12 of the Revised Code.

(U) "Food" has the same meaning as in section 3715.01 of the Revised Code.

(V) "Pain management clinic" has the same meaning as in

section 4731.054 of the Revised Code.

(W) "Investigational drug or product" means a drug or product that has successfully completed phase one of the United States food and drug administration clinical trials and remains under clinical trial, but has not been approved for general use by the United States food and drug administration. "Investigational drug or product" does not include controlled substances in schedule I, as established pursuant to section 3719.41 of the Revised Code, and as amended.

(X) "Product," when used in reference to an investigational drug or product, means a biological product, other than a drug, that is made from a natural human, animal, or microorganism source and is intended to treat a disease or medical condition.

(Y) "Third-party logistics provider" means a person that provides or coordinates warehousing or other logistics services pertaining to dangerous drugs including distribution, on behalf of a manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, but does not take ownership of the drugs or have responsibility to direct the sale or disposition of the drugs.

(Z) "Repackager of dangerous drugs" or "repackager" means a person that repacks and relabels dangerous drugs for sale or distribution.

(AA) "Outsourcing facility" means a facility that is engaged in the compounding and sale of sterile drugs and is registered as an outsourcing facility with the United States food and drug administration.

Sec. 4729.531. (A) The state board of pharmacy may issue a limited license to an animal ~~shelters~~ shelter or county dog warden solely for the purpose of purchasing, possessing, and administering ~~combination~~ drugs that ~~contain pentobarbital and~~

~~at least one noncontrolled substance ingredient,~~ are distributed in a manufactured dosage form~~, whose only indication is for euthanizing animals, or other substances~~ as described in section 4729.532 of the Revised Code. No such license shall authorize or permit the distribution of these drugs to any person other than the originating wholesale distributor of the drugs. An application for licensure shall include the information the board requires by rule under this section. If the application meets the requirements of the rules adopted under this section, the board shall issue the license.

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

(1) Require as a condition of licensure ~~of the facility~~ that an agent or employee of an animal shelter or an agent or employee of a county dog warden, other than a registered veterinary technician as defined in section 4741.01 of the Revised Code, has successfully completed a euthanasia technician certification course described in section 4729.532 of the Revised Code;

(2) Specify the information the animal shelter or county dog warden must provide the board for issuance or renewal of a license;

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

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

Sec. 4729.532. (A) No agent or employee of an animal shelter and no county dog warden or agent or employee of a county dog warden shall perform euthanasia by means of lethal

injection on an animal by use of any substance other than ~~combination drugs that contain pentobarbital and at least one noncontrolled~~ a substance ~~active ingredient,~~ in a manufactured dosage form~~, whose only indication is for euthanizing animals, or other substance~~ that the state veterinary medical licensing board ~~and~~ , in consultation with the state board of pharmacy ~~both approve~~ , approves by rule adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

The agent or employee of an animal shelter, county dog warden, or agent or employee of a county dog warden when using a lethal solution to perform euthanasia on an animal shall use ~~such~~ the solution in accordance with one of the following methods ~~and in the following order of preference~~:

(1) Intravenous injection by hypodermic needle;

(2) Intraperitoneal injection by hypodermic needle;

(3) Intracardial injection by hypodermic needle, but only on ~~a sedated or unconscious~~ an animal verified to be unconscious;

(4) ~~Solution~~ Oral administration of solution or powder ~~added to food~~.

(B) ~~Except as provided in division (D) of this section, no~~ Before euthanasia, a euthanasia technician may administer a solution of one or more drugs exclusively for the purpose of inducing anesthesia or unconsciousness prior to euthanasia. Only those drugs that have been approved by rule of the state board of pharmacy, in consultation with the state veterinary medical licensing board and the Ohio county dog wardens association, may be used.

(C) No agent or employee of an animal shelter and no county dog warden or agent or employee of a county dog warden, other than a registered veterinary technician as defined in

section 4741.01 of the Revised Code, shall perform euthanasia by means of lethal injection on an animal or administer pre-euthanasia drugs that induce anesthesia or unconsciousness unless ~~he~~ the agent or employee or county dog warden has received certification after successfully completing a euthanasia technician certification course as described in this division.

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

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

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

(3) Euthanasia technician stress management;

(4) Proper disposal of euthanized animals.

~~(C)~~ (D)(1) ~~Except as provided in division (D) of this section, no~~ No agent or employee of an animal shelter shall perform euthanasia by means of lethal injection on animals or administer pre-euthanasia drugs that induce anesthesia or unconsciousness under this section unless the facility in which ~~he~~ the agent or employee works or is employed is licensed with the state board of pharmacy under section 4729.531 of the Revised Code. No agent or employee of a county dog warden shall perform euthanasia by means of lethal injection on animals or administer pre-euthanasia drugs that induce anesthesia or unconsciousness under this section unless the county dog warden is licensed under section 4729.531 of the Revised Code.

(2) Any agent or employee of an animal shelter or county

dog warden performing euthanasia by means of lethal injection or administering pre-euthanasia drugs that induce anesthesia or unconsciousness shall do so only in a humane and proficient manner that is in conformity with the methods described in ~~division~~ divisions (A) and (B) of this section and not in violation of Chapter 959. of the Revised Code.

~~(D) An agent or employee of an animal shelter who is performing euthanasia by means of lethal injection on animals on or before the effective date of this section may continue to perform such euthanasia and is not required to be certified in compliance with division (B) of this section until ninety days after the effective date of the rules adopted in compliance with Section 3 of House Bill No. 88 of the 120th general assembly.~~

(E) Nothing in this section precludes a licensed veterinarian or registered veterinary technician as defined in section 4741.01 of the Revised Code from engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine as authorized in Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4729.533. (A) As used in this section and sections 4729.534 and 4729.535 of the Revised Code, "certified officer" and "chemical capture" have the same meanings as in section 955.151 of the Revised Code.

(B) Upon application of an animal shelter or county dog warden that holds a limited license issued under section 4729.531 of the Revised Code, the state board of pharmacy may grant a chemical capture classification to the limited license. The classification permits the holder to purchase, possess, and administer a combination of drugs for chemical capture. No such classification shall authorize or permit the distribution of these drugs to any person other than the originating wholesale distributor of the drugs.

(C) To qualify for a chemical capture classification under

this section, an applicant shall appoint or employ a certified officer.

(D) If an applicant meets the requirements of this section and rules adopted under it, the board shall grant the classification. The board may suspend or revoke a classification or refuse to issue or renew a classification for any violation of this section, section 4729.535 of the Revised Code, or rules adopted under this section.

(E) The state board of pharmacy, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and in consultation with the state veterinary medical licensing board, shall adopt rules that do all of the following:

(1) Specify the information an applicant must provide for issuance or renewal of a chemical capture classification;

(2) Establish criteria for the state board of pharmacy to use in determining whether to refuse to grant a classification or to renew, suspend, or revoke a classification;

(3) Specify all of the following:

(a) The drugs to be used in chemical capture;

(b) The proper storage, administration, and use of approved drugs;

(c) The proper storage, maintenance, and use of instruments and equipment used in chemical capture;

(d) The proper disposal of instruments used in chemical capture.

(4) Establish criteria for all of the following:

(a) Determining when chemical capture is appropriate;

(b) The care of a companion animal immediately upon capture;

(c) Recordkeeping for the drugs used and actions taken during a chemical capture.

(5) Address any other matters the board considers necessary or appropriate for administration and enforcement of this section and sections 4729.534 and 4729.535 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4729.534. (A) The state board of pharmacy in consultation with the state veterinary medical licensing board shall certify an individual as a certified officer if the individual does one of the following:

(1) Successfully completes a chemical capture course that has a curriculum approved in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(2) Successfully completes training acceptable to the state board of pharmacy from the national animal control association or safe capture international, inc.

(B) To be approved as a chemical capture curriculum for purposes of division (A)(1) of this section, a curriculum shall include all of the following topics:

(1) The pharmacology, proper administration, storage, and recordkeeping of drugs used in chemical capture;

(2) Federal and state laws regulating the storage and accountability of drugs used in chemical capture;

(3) Chemical capture technology, animal behavior, post-immobilization procedures, proper public and personnel safety, and marksmanship training;

(4) Any other topic specified by the state board of pharmacy.

(C) In a civil action, a certified officer is immune from liability for any harm the officer causes to a companion animal,

livestock, or a wild animal if the officer is acting within the scope of the officer's employment and is in compliance with rules established under division (E) of section 4729.533 of the Revised Code.

(D) As used in this section, "companion animal" has the same meaning as in section 959.131 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4729.535. No person shall perform chemical capture with a drug or combination of drugs other than the drugs specified in rules adopted under section 4729.533 of the Revised Code.

No animal shelter or county dog warden shall permit an individual to perform chemical capture unless the shelter or warden holds a chemical capture classification granted under section 4729.533 of the Revised Code and the individual is a certified officer.

No individual shall perform chemical capture unless the individual is a certified officer and is appointed or employed by an animal shelter or county dog warden that holds a chemical capture classification.

Nothing in this section precludes a licensed veterinarian or registered veterinary technician as defined in section 4741.01 of the Revised Code from engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine as authorized in Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4729.54. (A) As used in this section and section 4729.542 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Category II" means any dangerous drug that is not included in category III.

(2) "Category III" means any controlled substance that is contained in schedule I, II, III, IV, or V.

(3) "Emergency medical service organization" has the same meaning as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Person" includes an emergency medical service organization.

(5) "Schedule I, schedule II, schedule III, schedule IV, and schedule V" mean controlled substance schedules I, II, III, IV, and V, respectively, as established pursuant to section 3719.41 of the Revised Code and as amended.

(B)(1) A person seeking to be licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall file with the executive director of the state board of pharmacy a verified application. After it is filed, the application may not be withdrawn without approval of the board.

(2) An application shall contain all the following that apply in the applicant's case:

(a) Information that the board requires relative to the qualifications of a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs set forth in section 4729.55 of the Revised Code;

(b) A statement as to whether the person is seeking to be licensed as a category II, category III, limited category II, or limited category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs;

(c) If the person is seeking to be licensed as a limited category II or limited category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, a list of the dangerous drugs that the person is seeking to possess, have custody or control of, and distribute, which list shall also specify the purpose for which those drugs will be used and their source;

(d) If the person is an emergency medical service organization, the information that is specified in division (C)(1) of this section;

(e) Except for an emergency medical service organization, the identity of the one establishment or place at which the person intends to engage in the sale or other distribution of dangerous drugs at retail, and maintain possession, custody, or control of dangerous drugs for purposes other than the person's own use or consumption;

(f) If the application pertains to a pain management clinic, information that demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the board, compliance with division (A) of section 4729.552 of the Revised Code;

(g) If the application pertains to a facility, clinic, or other location described in division (B) of section 4729.553 of the Revised Code that must hold a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license with an office-based opioid treatment classification, information that demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the board, compliance with division (C) of that section.

(C)(1) An emergency medical service organization seeking to be licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall list in its application for licensure the following additional information:

(a) The units under its control that the organization determines will possess dangerous drugs for the purpose of administering emergency medical services in accordance with Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code;

(b) With respect to each such unit, whether the dangerous drugs that the organization determines the unit will possess are in category II or III.

(2) An emergency medical service organization that is licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall file a new application for such licensure if there is any change in the number, or location of, any of its units or any change in

the category of the dangerous drugs that any unit will possess.

(3) A unit listed in an application for licensure pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section may obtain the dangerous drugs it is authorized to possess from its emergency medical service organization or, on a replacement basis, from a hospital pharmacy. If units will obtain dangerous drugs from a hospital pharmacy, the organization shall file, and maintain in current form, the following items with the pharmacist who is responsible for the hospital's terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license:

(a) A copy of its standing orders or protocol;

(b) A list of the personnel employed or used by the organization to provide emergency medical services in accordance with Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code, who are authorized to possess the drugs, which list also shall indicate the personnel who are authorized to administer the drugs.

(D) Each emergency medical service organization that applies for a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license shall submit with its application the following:

(1) A copy of its standing orders or protocol, which orders or protocol shall be signed by a physician;

(2) A list of the dangerous drugs that its units may carry, expressed in standard dose units, which shall be signed by a physician;

(3) A list of the personnel employed or used by the organization to provide emergency medical services in accordance with Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code.

In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the board shall adopt rules specifying when an emergency medical service organization that is licensed as a terminal distributor must notify the board of any changes in its documentation

submitted pursuant to division (D) of this section.

(E) There shall be four categories of terminal distributor of dangerous drugs licenses. The categories are as follows:

(1) Category II license. A person who obtains this license may possess, have custody or control of, and distribute only the dangerous drugs described in category II.

(2) Limited category II license. A person who obtains this license may possess, have custody or control of, and distribute only the dangerous drugs described in category II that were listed in the application for licensure.

(3) Category III license, which may include a pain management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code. A person who obtains this license may possess, have custody or control of, and distribute the dangerous drugs described in category II and category III. If the license includes a pain management clinic classification, the person may operate a pain management clinic.

(4) Limited category III license. A person who obtains this license may possess, have custody or control of, and distribute only the dangerous drugs described in category II or category III that were listed in the application for licensure.

(F) Except for an application made by a county dog warden or on behalf of an animal shelter, if an applicant for a limited category II license or limited category III license intends to administer dangerous drugs to a person or animal, the applicant shall submit, with the application, a copy of its protocol or standing orders. The protocol or orders shall be signed by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, specify the dangerous drugs to be administered, and list personnel who are authorized to administer the dangerous drugs in accordance with federal law or the law of this state. ~~An~~

An application made by a county dog warden or on behalf of an animal shelter shall include a list of the dangerous drugs to be administered to animals and the personnel who are authorized to administer the drugs to animals in accordance with section 4729.532 of the Revised Code.

In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the board shall adopt rules specifying when a licensee must notify the board of any changes in its documentation submitted pursuant to this division.

(G)(1) Except as provided in division (G)(2) of this section, each applicant for licensure as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall submit, with the application, a license fee determined as follows:

(a) For a category II or limited category II license, the fee is three hundred twenty dollars.

(b) For a category III license, including a license with a pain management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code, or a limited category III license, four hundred forty dollars.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (G)(2)(b) of this section, for a person who is required to hold a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs pursuant to division (D) of section 4729.541 of the Revised Code, the fee is one hundred twenty dollars.

(b) For a professional association, corporation, partnership, or limited liability company organized for the purpose of practicing veterinary medicine, the fee is one hundred twenty dollars.

(3) Fees assessed under divisions (G)(1) and (2) of this section shall not be returned if the applicant fails to qualify for the license.

(H)(1) The board shall issue a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license to each person who submits an application for such licensure in accordance with this section, pays the required license fee, is determined by the board to meet the requirements set forth in section 4729.55 of the Revised Code, and satisfies any other applicable requirements of this section.

(2) The license of a person other than an emergency medical service organization or county dog warden shall describe the one establishment or place at which the licensee may engage in the sale or other distribution of dangerous drugs at retail and maintain possession, custody, or control of dangerous drugs for purposes other than the licensee's own use or consumption. The one establishment or place shall be that which is identified in the application for licensure.

No such license shall authorize or permit the terminal distributor of dangerous drugs named in it to engage in the sale or other distribution of dangerous drugs at retail or to maintain possession, custody, or control of dangerous drugs for any purpose other than the distributor's own use or consumption, at any establishment or place other than that described in the license, except that an agent or employee of an animal shelter or county dog warden may possess and use dangerous drugs in the course of business as provided in ~~division (D) of~~ section 4729.532 of the Revised Code.

(3) The license of an emergency medical service organization shall cover and describe all the units of the organization listed in its application for licensure.

(I)(1) All licenses issued or renewed pursuant to this section shall be effective for a period specified by the board in rules adopted under section 4729.26 of the Revised Code. The effective period for an initial or renewed license shall not

exceed twenty-four months unless the board extends the period in rules to adjust license renewal schedules. A license shall be renewed by the board according to the provisions of this section, the standard renewal procedure of Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code, and rules adopted by the board under section 4729.26 of the Revised Code. A person seeking to renew a license shall submit an application for renewal and pay the required fee on or before the date specified in the rules adopted by the board. The fee required for the renewal of a license shall be the same as the license fee paid under division (G) of this section.

(2)(a) Subject to division (I)(2)(b) of this section, a license that has not been renewed by the date specified in rules adopted by the board may be reinstated only upon payment of the required renewal fee and a penalty fee of one hundred ten dollars.

(b) If an application for renewal has not been submitted by the sixty-first day after the renewal date specified in rules adopted by the board, the license is considered void and cannot be renewed, but the license holder may reapply for licensure.

(3) A terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that fails to renew licensure in accordance with this section and rules adopted by the board is prohibited from engaging in the retail sale, possession, or distribution of dangerous drugs until a valid license is issued by the board.

(J)(1) No emergency medical service organization that is licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall fail to comply with division (C)(2) or (3) of this section.

(2) No emergency medical service organization that is licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall fail to comply with division (D) of this section.

(3) No licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs

shall possess, have custody or control of, or distribute dangerous drugs that the terminal distributor is not entitled to possess, have custody or control of, or distribute by virtue of its category of licensure.

(4) No licensee that is required by division (F) of this section to notify the board of changes in its protocol or standing orders, or in personnel, shall fail to comply with that division.

(K) The board may enter into agreements with other states, federal agencies, and other entities to exchange information concerning licensing and inspection of terminal distributors of dangerous drugs located within or outside this state and to investigate alleged violations of the laws and rules governing distribution of drugs by terminal distributors. Any information received pursuant to such an agreement is subject to the same confidentiality requirements applicable to the agency or entity from which it was received and shall not be released without prior authorization from that agency or entity.

Sec. 4729.542. (A) An animal shelter or county dog warden that holds a limited license issued under section 4729.531 of the Revised Code may apply to the state board of pharmacy for a chemical capture classification.

The application shall include a notarized list of the dangerous drugs to be used in chemical capture and the certified officers employed by the applicant.

(B) The holder of a limited license with a chemical capture classification shall notify the board immediately of any changes in the dangerous drugs to be used in chemical capture or in the certified officers employed by the holder.

(C) An agent or employee of an animal shelter or county dog warden may possess and use dangerous drugs in the course of business as provided in sections 4729.532 and 4729.533 of the

Revised Code.

Sec. 4729.55. No license shall be issued to an applicant for licensure as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs unless the applicant has furnished satisfactory proof to the state board of pharmacy that:

(A) The applicant is equipped as to land, buildings, and equipment to properly carry on the business of a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs within the category of licensure approved by the board.

(B) A pharmacist, licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, animal shelter or county dog warden licensed with the state board of pharmacy under section 4729.531 of the Revised Code, or a laboratory as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code will maintain supervision and control over the possession and custody of dangerous drugs that may be acquired by or on behalf of the applicant.

(C) Adequate safeguards are assured to prevent the sale or other distribution of dangerous drugs by any person other than a pharmacist or licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs.

(D) Adequate safeguards are assured that the applicant will carry on the business of a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs in a manner that allows pharmacists and pharmacy interns employed by the terminal distributor to practice pharmacy in a safe and effective manner.

(E) If the applicant, or any agent or employee of the applicant, has been found guilty of violating section 4729.51 of the Revised Code, the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, the federal drug abuse control laws, Chapter 2925., 3715., 3719., or 4729. of the Revised Code, or any rule of the board, adequate safeguards are assured to prevent the recurrence of the violation.

(F) In the case of an applicant who is a food processor or retail seller of food, the applicant will maintain supervision and control over the possession and custody of nitrous oxide.

(G) In the case of an applicant who is a retail seller of oxygen in original packages labeled as required by the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," the applicant will maintain supervision and control over the possession, custody, and retail sale of the oxygen.

(H) If the application is made on behalf of an animal shelter or a county dog warden, at least one of the agents or employees of the animal shelter or county dog warden is certified in compliance with section 4729.532 of the Revised Code.

(I) In the case of an applicant who is a retail seller of peritoneal dialysis solutions in original packages labeled as required by the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, the applicant will maintain supervision and control over the possession, custody, and retail sale of the peritoneal dialysis solutions.

(J) In the case of an applicant who is a pain management clinic, the applicant meets the requirements to receive a license with a pain management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code.

(K) In the case of an applicant who is operating a facility, clinic, or other location described in division (B) of section 4729.553 of the Revised Code that must hold a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license with an office-based opioid treatment classification, the applicant meets the requirements to receive that license with that classification.

Sec. 4729.991. Whoever purposely violates section 4729.535 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first

degree.

Sec. 4741.201. (A) This chapter does not apply to an act of chemical capture by a certified officer in accordance with section 955.151 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Chemical capture" and "certified officer" have the same meanings as in section 955.151 of the Revised Code.

Section 2. That existing sections 955.16, 959.06, 4729.01, 4729.531, 4729.532, 4729.54, and 4729.55 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The State Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board shall adopt the rules required by section 4729.533 of the Revised Code not later than two years after the effective date of this act. If the State Board of Pharmacy fails to meet this requirement, the Attorney General or a county prosecuting attorney may seek a court order requiring adoption of the rules.