

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0219

Animal euthanasia technicians board.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Representative(s) Martin,
Gentile, Iekel, Latta, Parady and Walsh and
Senator(s) Job

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to professions and occupations;
2 establishing the animal euthanasia certification board as
3 specified; authorizing the board to certify animal
4 euthanasia technicians; specifying eligibility criteria;
5 specifying approved training and testing; prohibiting
6 persons from acting as an animal euthanasia technician
7 without certification; granting rulemaking authority;
8 providing definitions; providing penalties; providing for
9 an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

10

11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

12

13 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-30-216 through 33-30-222 are
14 created to read:

15

16 **33-30-216. Definitions.**

1

2 (a) As used in this act:

3

4 (i) "Board" means the Wyoming animal euthanasia
5 technician certification board;

6

7 (ii) "Certified animal euthanasia technician"
8 means a person who is employed or sponsored by a law
9 enforcement agency whose duties include euthanizing
10 unwanted, sick, injured or dangerous animals;

11

12 (iii) "Euthanasia" or "euthanizing" means the
13 act or practice of providing a humane death for animals
14 through the use of euthanizing drugs;

15

16 (iv) "Euthanizing drugs" means any
17 pentobarbital-based drug labeled by the manufacturer for
18 the purpose of euthanizing animals;

19

20 (v) "This act" means W.S. 33-30-216 through
21 33-30-222.

22

23 **33-30-217. Animal euthanasia technician certification**
24 **board created; composition; terms of office.**

1

2 (a) There is created the animal euthanasia technician
3 certification board. The board shall consist of five (5)
4 members appointed by the governor. Initial board members
5 shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Wyoming
6 state board of veterinary medicine. Thereafter, the animal
7 euthanasia technician certification board shall make
8 recommendations to the governor after receiving the
9 recommendation of the Wyoming state board of veterinary
10 medicine.

11

12 (b) The initial membership of the board shall include
13 at least one (1) licensed veterinarian, one (1) actively
14 employed animal control officer, one (1) law enforcement
15 official whose duties include supervision of animal control
16 and one (1) citizen from the public at large. Thereafter,
17 members of the board shall be certified euthanasia
18 technicians, veterinarians licensed in this state or
19 certified peace officers.

20

21 (c) Members of the board shall serve terms of three
22 (3) years. The initial board shall have staggered terms of
23 one (1) member for one (1) year, two (2) members for two
24 (2) years and two (2) members for three (3) years.

1

2

33-30-218. Duties and powers of board.

3

4

(a) The board shall:

5

6

(i) Grant, suspend or revoke the certification of any animal euthanasia technician. The board shall examine the credentials of applicants for certification and current certificate holders and may grant, suspend or revoke certification on the basis of the credentials or upon other cause as specified by the rules of the board. In addition, the board may require oral interviews and practical demonstrations;

14

15

(ii) Examine and approve available animal euthanasia training and testing programs for use by applicants for certification. In the absence of available animal euthanasia training and testing programs, the board shall develop a program for use by animal euthanasia technicians in this state. A program approved or developed pursuant to this paragraph shall include:

22

23

(A) Methods of humanely euthanizing injured, sick, homeless or unwanted animals;

24

1

2

(B) Security precautions;

3

4

(C) Record keeping; and

5

6

(D) Other skills as determined necessary by
the board.

8

9

(iii) Promulgate rules and regulations in
accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act
necessary for the implementation of this act, including the
establishment of fees provided for by this act and rules
relating to professional conduct which establish ethical
and professional standards of practice;

15

16

(iv) Conduct investigations and hearings pursuant
to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act.

18

19

**33-30-219. Certified animal euthanasia technicians;
eligibility; surrender or revocation of certificate; fees;
other requirements.**

22

23

(a) Any person applying for a certification as an
animal euthanasia technician shall be employed or sponsored

24

1 by a law enforcement agency. An applicant shall make a
2 written application to the board which shall include:

3

4 (i) A fee in the amount established pursuant to
5 rules and regulations not to exceed one hundred dollars
6 (\$100.00);

7

8 (ii) Proof that the applicant:

9

10 (A) Is of good moral character;

11

12 (B) Is a citizen of the United States or is
13 lawfully admitted to remain and work in the United States;

14

15 (C) Is employed or sponsored by a law
16 enforcement agency;

17

18 (D) Has not been convicted of a felony or
19 any criminal violation relating to cruelty to animals or
20 animal neglect; and

21

22 (E) Has completed an animal euthanasia
23 training and testing program approved or developed by the
24 board.

1

2 (iii) Proof that the employing sponsoring agency
3 has obtained any required federal permits;

4

5 (iv) A criminal history background check
6 required pursuant to W.S. 7-19-106(a)(x);

7

8 (v) Any other information required by the board.

9

10 (b) A certification issued pursuant to this section
11 shall be for a two (2) year period unless surrendered by
12 the certified animal euthanasia technician or revoked or
13 suspended by the board for cause. The certified animal
14 euthanasia technician shall renew the certificate every two
15 (2) years. Application for renewal shall be accompanied
16 by:

17

18 (i) A fee in the amount established pursuant to
19 rules and regulations not to exceed one hundred dollars
20 (\$100.00);

21

22 (ii) Proof of current employment or sponsorship
23 by a law enforcement agency; and

24

1 (iii) Proof of a minimum of eight (8) hours of
2 board approved training during the previous two (2) year
3 period.

4
5 (c) The fees received under subsection (a) or (b) of
6 this section shall be deposited with the state treasurer
7 who shall credit the money to an account within the special
8 revenue fund. All monies credited to the account shall be
9 expended only upon appropriation by the legislature to
10 defray costs and expenses incurred in the administration of
11 this act.

12
13 (d) In addition to other requirements of this act, a
14 certified animal euthanasia technician shall register with
15 the Wyoming board of pharmacy to purchase, possess and
16 administer euthanizing drugs.

17

18 **33-30-220. Compensation of board members.**

19

20 Board members shall receive no compensation for their
21 services but shall receive per diem and travel expenses in
22 the manner and amount provided for state employees by W.S.
23 9-3-102 and 9-3-103.

24

1 **33-30-221. Prohibited acts; penalties.**

2

3 Any person employed or sponsored by a law enforcement
4 agency who euthanizes an animal without being certified
5 according to the provisions of this act is guilty of a
6 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven
7 hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more
8 than six (6) months or both.

9

10 **33-30-222. Animal euthanasia technician certification;**
11 **limitations.**

12

13 Nothing in this act shall apply to veterinarians licensed
14 pursuant to W.S. 33-30-101 et seq.

15

16 **Section 2.** W.S. 7-19-106(a) by creating a new
17 paragraph (x), 33-24-102 by creating a new subsection (d)
18 and 33-30-204(m) by creating a new paragraph (xiv) are
19 amended to read:

20

21 **7-19-106. Access to, and dissemination of,**
22 **information.**

23

1 (a) Criminal history record information shall be
2 disseminated by criminal justice agencies in this state,
3 whether directly or through any intermediary, only to:

4
5 (x) The Wyoming animal euthanasia technicians
6 board for purposes of obtaining background information on
7 applicants for certification by the board.

8
9 **33-24-102. State board of pharmacy; generally.**

10
11 (d) The board shall register certified animal
12 euthanasia technicians pursuant to W.S. 33-30-219(d) for
13 the purposes of allowing the certified animal euthanasia
14 technicians to purchase, possess and administer euthanizing
15 drugs.

16
17 **33-30-204. Board of veterinary medicine.**

18
19 (m) The board is empowered to:

20
21 (xiv) Make recommendations regarding members of
22 the animal euthanasia technicians certification board to the
23 governor pursuant to W.S. 33-30-217(a).

24

