

SB045\_L.004

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources.

SB24-045 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "(3)(e)" and substitute  
2 "(3)(e); and **add** (2.3) and (2.5)".

3 Page 2, after line 13, insert:

4 "(2.3) (a) FOR AN ANIMAL BORN IN COLORADO, IF A LICENSED  
5 VETERINARIAN DECLARES IN WRITING THAT A STERILIZATION PROCEDURE  
6 COULD JEOPARDIZE THE HEALTH OF THE DOG OR CAT, THE PROCEDURE  
7 MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A VETERINARIAN DETERMINES  
8 THAT THE DOG OR CAT IS FIT TO UNDERGO THE STERILIZATION PROCEDURE.  
9 AT SUCH TIME, THE PROSPECTIVE OWNER SHALL HAVE THE ANIMAL  
10 STERILIZED. IF THE DETERMINATION OF UNFITNESS FOR STERILIZATION HAS  
11 BEEN MADE PRIOR TO RELEASE, THE ANIMAL SHELTER OR PET ANIMAL  
12 RESCUE MAY RELEASE THE DOG OR CAT TO THE PROSPECTIVE OWNER,  
13 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.3).

14 (b) IF A VETERINARIAN LICENSED IN COLORADO DECLARES IN  
15 WRITING THAT A STERILIZATION PROCEDURE IS LIKELY TO CAUSE A  
16 SECONDARY ILLNESS, INJURY, IMPAIRMENT, OR PHYSICAL CONDITION THAT  
17 INVOLVES INPATIENT CARE OR ONGOING OUTPATIENT TREATMENT, THE  
18 PROCEDURE MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A VETERINARIAN  
19 DETERMINES THAT THE DOG OR CAT IS FIT TO UNDERGO THE STERILIZATION  
20 PROCEDURE. IF THE DETERMINATION OF UNFITNESS FOR STERILIZATION  
21 DUE TO JEOPARDIZING THE HEALTH OF THE ANIMAL HAS BEEN MADE PRIOR  
22 TO RELEASE, THE ANIMAL SHELTER OR PET ANIMAL RESCUE MAY RELEASE  
23 THE DOG OR CAT TO THE PROSPECTIVE OWNER, SUBJECT TO THIS  
24 SUBSECTION (2.3)(b).

25 (2.5) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE EXEMPTIONS IN SUBSECTIONS (2)  
26 AND (2.3) OF THIS SECTION:

27 (a) A VETERINARIAN SHALL BASE A DETERMINATION OF UNFITNESS  
28 ON SPECIFIC DETAILS REGARDING THE SPECIFIC ANIMAL FOR WHICH AN  
29 EXEMPTION IS REQUESTED AND SHALL NOT INCLUDE MULTIPLE ANIMAL  
30 EXEMPTION REQUESTS IN ONE DETERMINATION.

31 (b) THE COMMISSIONER MAY SUBMIT A SIGNED COMPLAINT TO THE  
32 STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IF THE COMMISSIONER HAS  
33 REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A VETERINARIAN'S WRITTEN DECLARATION  
34 SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2) OR (2.3) OF THIS SECTION IS IN  
35 VIOLATION OF SECTION 12-315-112.

36 (c) AT THE TIME OF LICENSE RENEWAL, EACH ANIMAL SHELTER OR  
37 PET ANIMAL RESCUE SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH  
38 INFORMATION REGARDING ANIMALS EXEMPTED PURSUANT TO  
39 SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (2.3) OF THIS SECTION. THE ANIMAL SHELTER OR PET

1 ANIMAL RESCUE SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION IN THE FORM  
2 PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL INCLUDE THE BREED, AGE,  
3 CATEGORY OF EXEMPTION, REASONING FOR THE EXEMPTION, AND NAME  
4 AND LICENSE NUMBER OF THE VETERINARIAN LICENSED IN COLORADO  
5 THAT MADE THE EXEMPTION DETERMINATION."

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