



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 4346

Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5673

File No. 337

Cal. No. 257

***"An Act Concerning Domestic Animals, Licensure For
The Control Of Nuisance Wildlife And Animals In
Agricultural Events."***

1 In line 65, after "rabies" and before the period insert "pursuant to
2 subsection (d) of section 22-359"

3 Strike lines 66 to 68 in their entirety and substitute in lieu thereof the
4 following: "upon application by a municipal employee, the
5 commissioner shall issue, without a fee, a license to such an applicant
6 who otherwise qualifies for a license. A license issued under this
7 subdivision shall be valid only for nuisance wildlife control performed
8 in the licensee's capacity as a municipal employee."

9 After line 159, add the following and renumber the remaining section
10 accordingly:

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12 "Sec. 4. Section 20-197 of the general statutes is repealed and the
13 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

14 No person shall practice veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry
15 [until he has obtained] without obtaining a license as provided in

16 section 20-199. A person shall be construed to practice veterinary
17 medicine, surgery or dentistry, within the meaning of this chapter,
18 [who holds himself out as being] if the person purports to be able to
19 diagnose, administer biologics for, treat, operate or prescribe for any
20 animal or bird disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition, or
21 [who] either offers or undertakes within the context of a valid
22 veterinarian-client-patient relationship, by any means or methods, to
23 diagnose, administer biologics for, treat, operate or prescribe for any
24 animal or bird disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition.
25 The euthanizing of animals in accordance with applicable state and
26 federal drug laws by the Connecticut Humane Society and the floating
27 of teeth in horses by persons experienced in that practice shall not be
28 deemed to be the practice of veterinary medicine. For the purposes of
29 this section: [, "floating teeth"] (1) "Floating teeth" means using hand-
30 held rasps to reduce or eliminate sharp or uneven edges on a horse's
31 upper and lower molars to avoid injury to the tongue and cheeks and
32 to improve chewing food, but does not include treating decay, tumors
33 or extracting teeth; and (2) "veterinarian-client-patient relationship"
34 means (A) the veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making
35 medical judgments regarding the animal's health and the need for
36 medical treatment and the client, owner or other caretaker has agreed
37 to follow the veterinarian's instructions, (B) the veterinarian has
38 sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general or
39 preliminary diagnosis or prognosis of the animal's medical condition,
40 with such knowledge based on the veterinarian having recently seen
41 or being personally acquainted with the animal's keeping and care by
42 virtue of an examination or by medically and timely visits to the
43 premises where the animal is kept, or both, and (C) the practicing
44 veterinarian is readily available or has arranged for emergency
45 veterinary coverage for follow-up in case of adverse reactions or
46 failure."

47 In line 161, strike "and" and insert a comma in lieu thereof and after
48 "2" insert "and 4".