



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 5118

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

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 Section 20-197 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

5 No person shall practice veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry
6 [until he has obtained] without obtaining a license as provided in
7 section 20-199. A person shall be construed to practice veterinary
8 medicine, surgery or dentistry, within the meaning of this chapter,
9 [who holds himself out as being] if the person purports to be able to
10 diagnose, administer biologics for, treat, operate or prescribe for any
11 animal or bird disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition, or
12 [who] either offers or undertakes within the context of a valid
13 veterinarian-client-patient relationship, by any means or methods, to
14 diagnose, administer biologics for, treat, operate or prescribe for any
15 animal or bird disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition.

16 The euthanizing of animals in accordance with applicable state and
17 federal drug laws by the Connecticut Humane Society and the floating
18 of teeth in horses by persons experienced in that practice shall not be
19 deemed to be the practice of veterinary medicine. For the purposes of
20 this section: [, "floating teeth"] (1) "Floating teeth" means using hand-
21 held rasps to reduce or eliminate sharp or uneven edges on a horse's
22 upper and lower molars to avoid injury to the tongue and cheeks and
23 to improve chewing food, but does not include treating decay, tumors
24 or extracting teeth; and (2) "veterinarian-client-patient relationship"
25 means (A) the veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making
26 medical judgments regarding the animal's health and the need for
27 medical treatment and the client, owner or other caretaker has agreed
28 to follow the veterinarian's instructions, (B) the veterinarian has
29 sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general or
30 preliminary diagnosis or prognosis of the animal's medical condition,
31 with such knowledge based on the veterinarian having recently seen
32 or being personally acquainted with the animal's keeping and care by
33 virtue of an examination or by medically and timely visits to the
34 premises where the animal is kept, or both, and (C) the practicing
35 veterinarian is readily available or has arranged for emergency
36 veterinary coverage for follow-up in case of adverse reactions or
37 failure."

38 In line 161, strike "and" and insert a comma in lieu thereof and after
39 "2" insert "and 4"