



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6683

LCO No. 4475

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING MYOFASCIAL TRIGGER POINT THERAPY ON ANIMALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-197 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 No person shall practice veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry
4 until he has obtained a license as provided in section 20-199. A person
5 shall be construed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery or
6 dentistry, within the meaning of this chapter, who holds himself out as
7 being able to diagnose, administer biologics for, treat, operate or
8 prescribe for any animal or bird disease, pain, injury, deformity or
9 physical condition, or who either offers or undertakes, by any means
10 or methods, to diagnose, administer biologics for, treat, operate or
11 prescribe for any animal or bird disease, pain, injury, deformity or
12 physical condition. The euthanizing of animals in accordance with
13 applicable state and federal drug laws by the Connecticut Humane
14 Society, [and] the floating of teeth in horses by persons experienced in
15 that practice and the performance of myofascial trigger point therapy
16 by persons experienced in that practice shall not be deemed to be the

17 practice of veterinary medicine. For the purposes of this section,
18 "floating teeth" means using hand-held rasps to reduce or eliminate
19 sharp or uneven edges on a horse's upper and lower molars to avoid
20 injury to the tongue and cheeks and to improve chewing food, but
21 does not include treating decay, tumors or extracting teeth. For
22 purposes of this section, "myofascial trigger point therapy" means the
23 use of specific palpation, compression, stretching and corrective
24 exercise for promoting optimum athleticism.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify any confusion on the law relating to this specific form of therapy.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]