

**HOUSE BILL NO. 44**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

Introduced: 1/19/99

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act authorizing animal control agencies and humane societies to purchase,  
2 possess, and use certain drugs for euthanizing dogs and cats."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.80 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 08.80.035. Permits for use of drugs to euthanize dogs and cats.** (a)

6 The board shall adopt regulations that provide for the issuance of a permit that  
7 authorizes the purchase, possession, and use of sodium pentobarbital and sodium  
8 pentobarbital with lidocaine by a municipal or village animal-control agency or  
9 humane society for the purpose of euthanizing injured, sick, or abandoned dogs or cats  
10 in the lawful possession of the agency or society. The regulations must include  
11 guidelines for proper storage and handling of sodium pentobarbital and sodium  
12 pentobarbital with lidocaine and other provisions that may be necessary to ensure that  
13 the drugs are used solely for the purpose authorized under this subsection. The  
14 application fee for a permit under this subsection is \$50, and the biennial renewal fee

1 is \$50.

2 (b) A municipal or village animal-control agency or humane society may apply  
3 to the board for a permit to purchase, possess, and use sodium pentobarbital or sodium  
4 pentobarbital with lidocaine as authorized under (a) of this section. Upon certification  
5 by the board that the applicant meets the qualifications that are established in  
6 regulations adopted under (a) of this section, the department shall issue the permit.

7 (c) The board may revoke or suspend a permit issued under this section on a  
8 determination that the permittee used sodium pentobarbital or sodium pentobarbital  
9 with lidocaine for a purpose other than authorized under this section or if the permittee  
10 fails to follow the regulations of the board regarding proper storage and handling of  
11 the drugs.

12 (d) A person with a permit issued under this section shall also comply with  
13 applicable federal laws.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.98.120(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) A person may not practice veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry unless  
16 the person is licensed as a veterinarian under this chapter or has a temporary permit  
17 issued under AS 08.98.186, except that a person may perform functions authorized by

18 (1) regulation of the board if the person is licensed as a veterinary  
19 technician; **and**

20 (2) a permit issued under AS 08.80.035 if the person is employed  
21 by or is a volunteer with an animal-control agency or humane society that  
22 has a permit issued under AS 08.80.035.