

HOUSE BILL NO. 306

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES LANCASTER, Davies

Introduced: 1/14/02

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act authorizing the Department of Community and Economic Development to**
2 **issue permits to certain agencies to purchase, possess, and use certain drugs for**
3 **ethanizing domestic animals."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 08.02 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 08.02.050. Permits for use of drugs to euthanize domestic animals.**

7 (a) A qualified agency may apply to the department and obtain a permit that
8 authorizes the purchase, possession, and use of sodium pentobarbital and sodium
9 pentobarbital with lidocaine by the agency for the purpose of euthanizing injured, sick,
10 or abandoned domestic animals in the lawful possession of the agency. To qualify to
11 obtain the permit, the agency shall certify that it will

12 (1) comply with applicable federal laws related to the use of the drugs;

13 and

14 (2) not permit an employee to administer the drugs unless the

1 employee has adequate knowledge of the potential hazards and proper techniques to
 2 be used in administering the drugs; evidence of adequate knowledge means that the
 3 employee has

4 (A) successfully completed a euthanasia technician certification
 5 course approved by the National Animal Control Association, the American
 6 Humane Association, or the Humane Society of the United States; the
 7 curriculum of the course must include the pharmacology, proper
 8 administration, and storage of euthanasia solutions; federal and state laws
 9 regulating the storage and accountability of euthanasia solutions; euthanasia
 10 technician stress management; and proper disposal of euthanized animals; or

11 (B) provided to the agency a notarized statement from a
 12 veterinarian licensed in the state that the employee has been trained by that
 13 veterinarian in use, storage, accountability, and proper techniques of
 14 administering the drugs for the purpose of performing euthanasia on domestic
 15 animals.

16 (b) A permit issued under (a) of this section is valid for two years.

17 (c) The application fee for a permit under this section is \$50, and the biennial
 18 renewal fee is \$50.

19 (d) The department may revoke or suspend a permit if it determines that the
 20 agency or an employee of the agency

21 (1) improperly used sodium pentobarbital or sodium pentobarbital with
 22 lidocaine; or

23 (2) failed to follow the federal regulations regarding proper storage and
 24 handling of the drugs.

25 (e) In this section, "agency" means a municipal or village animal control
 26 agency or an entity that has contracted with a municipality or village to perform
 27 animal control or animal euthanasia services.

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

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

- 1 **(1)** regulation of the board if the person is licensed as a veterinary
2 technician; **or**
3 **(2)** **a permit issued under AS 08.02.050 if the person is employed**
4 **by an agency that has a permit issued under AS 08.02.050.**