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Authorizing the Department of Community and Economic Development to issue permits to certain agencies to purchase, possess, and use certain drugs for euthanizing domestic animals.

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

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2 certain agencies to purchase, possess, and use certain drugs for euthanizing domestic animals.

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4 * **Section 1.** AS 08.01.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

5 (37) regulation of agencies that perform euthanasia services under
6 AS 08.02.050.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.02 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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

9 (a) A qualified agency may apply to the department and obtain a permit that
10 authorizes the purchase, possession, and use by the agency of sodium pentobarbital,
11 sodium pentobarbital with lidocaine, and other drugs authorized in regulations adopted
12 by the department for the purpose of euthanizing injured, sick, or abandoned domestic
13 animals in the lawful possession of the agency. To qualify to obtain the permit, the

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1 agency shall certify that it will

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

3 and

4 (2) not permit an employee to administer the drugs unless the
5 employee has successfully completed a euthanasia technician certification course
6 approved by the National Animal Control Association, the American Humane
7 Association, or the Humane Society of the United States.

8 (b) The department may revoke or suspend a permit or take another
9 disciplinary action under AS 08.01.075 if it determines that the agency or an employee
10 of the agency

11 (1) improperly used sodium pentobarbital, sodium pentobarbital with
12 lidocaine, or another drug authorized for use under this section;

13 (2) failed to follow federal or state laws regarding proper storage and
14 handling of the drugs;

15 (3) allowed an employee to administer the drugs before the employee
16 successfully completed the certification course described in (a)(2) of this section; or

17 (4) violated this title or a regulation adopted under this title.

18 (c) In this section, "agency" means an animal control agency of a municipality
19 or recognized governmental entity or an entity that has contracted with a municipality
20 or recognized governmental entity to perform animal control or animal euthanasia
21 services.

22 (d) The department may adopt regulations to implement this section.

23 * Sec. 3. AS 08.98.120(a) is amended to read:

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

27 (1) regulation of the board if the person is licensed as a veterinary
28 technician; or

29 (2) a permit issued under AS 08.02.050 if the person is employed
30 by an agency that has a permit issued under AS 08.02.050.

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