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A BILL

To amend section 4741.16 of the Revised Code to
allow a licensed veterinarian to receive up to
two continuing education credits per biennium
for performing free spaying and neutering
services.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4741.16 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 4741.16. (A) A license to practice veterinary
medicine issued by the state veterinary medical licensing board
pursuant to sections 4741.11 to 4741.13 of the Revised Code
expires biennially on the first day of March in even-numbered
years. A limited license to practice veterinary medicine issued
by the board pursuant to those sections expires biennially on
the first day of July. A license or limited license may be
renewed in accordance with the standard renewal procedures

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contained in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code upon payment of 16
the required renewal fee and fulfillment of the continuing 17
education requirements contained in division (B) of this section 18
unless otherwise provided by law. The board shall issue a 19
duplicate certificate to any holder upon request and upon due 20
proof of loss of the original. 21

(B) As a condition precedent to each renewal of a license 22
or limited license, a licensed veterinarian shall demonstrate, 23
to the satisfaction of the board, that the licensed veterinarian 24
has completed thirty hours of continuing education during the 25
two years immediately preceding renewal of the licensed 26
veterinarian's license or limited license that meets the 27
requirements established by rule of the board as to form and 28
content. 29

(C) (1) A licensed veterinarian may receive up to two hours 30
of continuing education for purposes of division (B) of this 31
section each biennium if the licensed veterinarian performs free 32
spaying and neutering services in accordance with this division. 33
The licensed veterinarian shall provide the services at a 34
practice, facility, or property that is appropriately equipped 35
and staffed to provide such services. In addition, the licensed 36
veterinarian shall perform the services in conjunction with one 37
of the following: 38

(a) A county humane society operating pursuant to section 39
1717.05 of the Revised Code; 40

(b) A county dog pound operating pursuant to section 41
955.15 of the Revised Code; 42

(c) A municipal dog pound operating under the authority of 43
section 955.221 of the Revised Code; 44

(d) An organization that is exempt from federal income 45
taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 46
that is dedicated to animal protection and welfare. 47

For every one hour of free spaying and neutering services 48
that the licensed veterinarian performs, the licensed 49
veterinarian shall receive one-half hour of continuing education 50
credit. 51

(2) In order to receive continuing education credits under 52
division (C)(1) of this section, a licensed veterinarian who 53
offers free spaying and neutering services shall, in accordance 54
with division (C)(3) of this section, make provisions for free 55
follow-up services for any post-operative complications related 56
to the surgery that arise within twenty-four hours of performing 57
the surgery. 58

(3) The state veterinary medical licensing board shall 59
adopt policies and procedures necessary for the administration 60
of division (C)(2) of this section, including allowing a 61
licensed veterinarian who performs free spaying and neutering 62
services to assign another licensed veterinarian to provide free 63
follow-up services for any post-operative complications. 64

(D) The board may waive the requirement of division (B) of 65
this section if the licensee submits an affidavit evidencing 66
that the licensee was prevented from attending an approved 67
educational program during a year because of the occurrence of 68
an unusual and prolonged emergency, provided the licensee 69
otherwise complies with such requirements as the board 70
determines. 71

~~(D)~~(E) Educational program requirements not completed 72
during the biennial license period, due to a waiver granted by 73

the board under division ~~(C)~~(D) of this section, are cumulative 74
on the requirements for the succeeding biennial license period. 75

~~(E)~~(F) Any license or limited license which is not 76
renewed at the end of the biennium becomes an inactive license 77
or limited license. A licensee may reactivate an inactive 78
license or limited license upon application to the board. The 79
board shall prescribe continuing education and other 80
requirements as it considers necessary to reactivate a license 81
or limited license. Any license or limited license which has 82
been inactive for more than four years expires if the licensee 83
has not applied for reactivation of the license or limited 84
license. Upon expiration, a license or limited license becomes 85
void. 86

~~(F)~~(G) Division ~~(E)~~(F) of this section does not apply to 87
any veterinarian who serves solely in a professional capacity 88
with any federal, state, or local government agency or with any 89
branch of the armed forces of the United States. 90

Section 2. That existing section 4741.16 of the Revised 91
Code is hereby repealed. 92