

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0166

Animal euthanasia technicians board.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Watt

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to professions and occupations;
2 establishing the animal euthanasia certification board as
3 specified; authorizing the board to certify animal
4 euthanasia technicians; specifying eligibility criteria;
5 specifying approved training and testing; prohibiting
6 persons from acting as an animal euthanasia technician
7 without certification; granting rulemaking authority;
8 providing definitions; providing penalties; providing for
9 an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-30-216 through 33-30-220 are
14 created to read:

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16 **33-30-216. Definitions.**

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1 (a) As used in this act:

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3 (i) "Board" means the Wyoming animal euthanasia
4 technician board;

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6 (ii) "Certified animal euthanasia technician"
7 means a person who is employed or sponsored by a law
8 enforcement agency whose duties include euthanizing
9 unwanted, sick, injured or dangerous animals. A certified
10 animal euthanasia technician shall be registered with the
11 Wyoming board of pharmacy to purchase, possess and
12 administer euthanizing drugs and chemical restraint drugs
13 as defined by this act. A certified animal euthanasia
14 technician shall successfully complete a board approved
15 training and testing program and be certified in the
16 following:

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18 (A) Methods of humanely euthanizing
19 injured, sick, homeless or unwanted animals;

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21 (B) Security precautions;

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23 (C) Record keeping; and

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1 (D) Other skills as determined necessary by
2 the board.

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4 (iii) "Euthanasia" means the act or practice of
5 providing a humane death for animals;

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7 (iv) "Euthanizing drugs" means any pentobarbital
8 based drug labeled by the manufacturer for the purpose of
9 euthanizing animals;

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11 (v) "This act" means W.S. 33-30-216 through
12 33-30-220.

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14 **33-30-217. Animal euthanasia technician certification**
15 **board created; composition; duties; rulemaking;**
16 **qualifications; terms of office.**

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18 (a) There is created an animal euthanasia technician
19 certification board to certify animal euthanasia
20 technicians. The board shall consist of five (5) members
21 appointed by the governor. Initial board members shall be
22 appointed upon the recommendation of the Wyoming state
23 board of veterinary medicine. Thereafter, the euthanasia
24 board shall make recommendations to the governor after

1 receiving the recommendation of the Wyoming state board of
2 veterinary medicine. The membership of the board shall
3 include at least one (1) licensed veterinarian, one (1)
4 actively employed animal control officer, one (1) law
5 enforcement official whose duties include supervision of
6 animal control and one (1) citizen from the public at
7 large. After the initial term of the members, applicants
8 to the board shall be either a certified euthanasia
9 technician, a veterinarian licensed in this state or a
10 certified peace officer.

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12 (b) Members of the board shall serve a term of three
13 (3) years. The initial board shall have staggered terms of
14 one (1), two (2) and three (3) years.

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16 (c) The board shall examine and approve available
17 training and testing programs.

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19 (d) The board shall examine the credentials of every
20 applicant for an animal euthanasia technician certification
21 and may issue certification on the basis of the successful
22 completion of an approved program. All examinees shall
23 provide proof of the completion of an approved program.

1 The board may require oral interviews and practical
2 demonstrations.

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4 (e) A criminal history background check on applicants
5 shall be required pursuant to W.S. 7-19-106(a)(ix).

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7 (f) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations
8 relating to professional conduct which establish ethical
9 and professional standards of practice and for other
10 purposes in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative
11 Procedure Act.

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13 (g) The board shall conduct investigations and
14 hearings pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure
15 Act.

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17 **33-30-218. Certified animal euthanasia technicians;**
18 **eligibility; surrender or revocation of certificate.**

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20 (a) Any person applying for a certification as an
21 animal euthanasia technician shall be employed or sponsored
22 by a law enforcement agency. An applicant shall make a
23 written application to the board. The application shall be
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(i) A fee in the amount established pursuant to rules and regulations not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00);

(ii) Proof that the applicant:

(A) Is of good moral character;

(B) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully admitted to remain and work in the United States;

(C) Is employed or sponsored by a law enforcement agency;

(D) Has not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor cruelty to animal or animal neglect.

(iii) Proof that the employing sponsoring agency has obtained any required federal permits;

(iv) Any other information required by the board.

1 (b) The certification issued pursuant to this section
2 shall be for a two (2) year period unless surrendered by
3 the certified animal euthanasia technician or revoked or
4 suspended by the board for cause. The certified animal
5 euthanasia technician shall renew the certificate every two
6 (2) years. Application for renewal shall be accompanied by:

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8 (i) The established fee;

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10 (ii) Proof of current employment or sponsorship
11 by a law enforcement agency; and

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13 (iii) Proof of a minimum of eight (8) hours of
14 approved training.

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16 (c) Nothing in this act shall apply to veterinarians
17 licensed pursuant to W.S. 33-30-101 et seq.

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19 (d) The fees received under subsection (a) or (b) of
20 this section shall be deposited with the state treasurer
21 who shall credit the money to an account within the special
22 revenue fund. All monies credited to the account are
23 appropriated to the use of the animal euthanasia technician

1 certification board to be used to defray costs and expenses
2 incurred in the administration of this act.

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4 **33-30-219. Compensation of board members.**

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6 Board members shall receive no compensation for their
7 services but shall receive per diem and travel expenses in
8 accordance with W.S. 9-3-102.

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10 **33-30-220. Prohibited acts; penalties.**

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12 No person shall euthanize animals when acting as an
13 employee of a law enforcement agency unless he is certified
14 as an animal euthanasia technician. Any person acting or
15 purporting to act as a certified animal euthanasia
16 technician without being certified according to the
17 provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor
18 punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty
19 dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more than six (6)
20 months or both.

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22 **Section 2.** W.S. 7-19-106(a) by creating a new
23 paragraph (x) and 33-24-102 by creating a new subsection
24 (d) are amended to read:

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2 **7-19-106. Access to, and dissemination of,**
3 **information.**

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5 (a) Criminal history record information shall be
6 disseminated by criminal justice agencies in this state,
7 whether directly or through any intermediary, only to:

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9 (x) The Wyoming animal euthanasia technicians
10 board for purposes of obtaining background information on
11 applicants for certification by the board.

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13 **33-24-102. State board of pharmacy; generally.**

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15 (d) Register certified animal euthanasia technicians
16 pursuant to W.S. 33-30-216(a)(vi).

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18 **Section 3.** There is appropriated from the general
19 fund ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to the Wyoming
20 animal euthanasia technician board for the purposes of this
21 act.

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1 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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