
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 471-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~[f]~~ §471-15~~[f]~~ **Criminal penalties.** ~~[Any]~~ (a) Except as
4 provided in subsection (b), any person convicted of violating
5 section 471-2 shall have committed a misdemeanor and shall be
6 subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 ~~[or]~~, imprisoned not more
7 than six months, or both.

8 [Additionally,] (b) Any person convicted of violating
9 section 471-2 and who in the course of that violation
10 intentionally or knowingly performs any veterinary procedure on
11 a pet animal shall have committed a class C felony. For
12 purposes of this subsection, "pet animal" shall have the same
13 meaning as in section 711-1100.

14 (c) In addition to the penalties provided in subsections
15 (a) and (b), all tools, implements, appliances, medicine, and
16 drugs used in the practice of veterinary medicine by any person
17 convicted of practicing veterinary medicine without a license



1 shall be declared forfeited to the State by the court and turned
2 over to the board for disposition as it may choose to make."

3 SECTION 2. Section 711-1108.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (2) to read as follows:

5 "(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to:

6 (a) Accepted veterinary practices[+] performed by a person
7 licensed under section 471-2;

8 (b) Activities carried on for scientific research governed
9 by standards of accepted educational or medicinal
10 practices; [~~e~~] and

11 (c) Cropping or docking as customarily practiced[~~-~~] and
12 performed by a person licensed under section 471-2."

13 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
14 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
15 begun before its effective date.

16 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059.



Report Title:

Veterinary Medicine; Unlawful

Description:

Makes intentional or knowing performance of a veterinary procedure on a pet animal by an unlicensed person a class C felony. Clarifies that the cropping of ears or the docking of a tail of a pet animal is exempt from criminal penalties for animal cruelty only if performed by a licensed veterinarian. Effective January 7, 2059. (SD1)

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