
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 "~~[+]§471-15[+]~~ **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 be subject
6 to a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisoned not more than six
7 months, or both.

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

13 ~~[Additionally,]~~ (c) In addition to the penalties provided
14 in subsections (a) and (b), all tools, implements, appliances,
15 medicine, and drugs used in the practice of veterinary medicine
16 by any person convicted of practicing veterinary medicine
17 without a license shall be declared forfeited to the State by



1 the court and turned over to the board for disposition as it may
2 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; ~~[øæ]~~ and

11 (c) Cropping or docking as customarily practiced~~[+]~~,
12 unless performed by a person not licensed under
13 section 471-2:

14 (i) For compensation; or

15 (ii) Gratuitously as part of the sale of a pet
16 animal."

17 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
18 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
19 begun before its effective date.

20 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

22 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. Subjects cropping or docking by an unlicensed person for compensation or gratuitously as part of the sale of a pet animal to the law against cruelty to animals in the first degree. Effective January 7, 2059. (HB1133 HD2)

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