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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:

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
contained in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code upon payment of
the required renewal fee and fulfillment of the continuing
education requirements contained in division (B) of this section

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unless otherwise provided by law. The board shall issue a
duplicate certificate to any holder upon request and upon due
proof of loss of the original.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>For every one hour of free spaying and neutering services</u>	48
<u>that the licensed veterinarian performs, the licensed</u>	49
<u>veterinarian shall receive one-half hour of continuing education</u>	50
<u>credit.</u>	51
<u>(2) In order to receive continuing education credits under</u>	52
<u>division (C) (1) of this section, a licensed veterinarian who</u>	53
<u>offers free spaying and neutering services shall, in accordance</u>	54
<u>with division (C) (3) of this section, make provisions for free</u>	55
<u>follow-up services for any post-operative complications related</u>	56
<u>to the surgery that arise within twenty-four hours of performing</u>	57
<u>the surgery.</u>	58
<u>(3) The state veterinary medical licensing board shall</u>	59
<u>adopt policies and procedures necessary for the administration</u>	60
<u>of division (C) (2) of this section, including allowing a</u>	61
<u>licensed veterinarian who performs free spaying and neutering</u>	62
<u>services to assign another licensed veterinarian to provide free</u>	63
<u>follow-up services for any post-operative complications.</u>	64
<u>(D) The board may waive the requirement of division (B) of</u>	65
<u>this section if the licensee submits an affidavit evidencing</u>	66
<u>that the licensee was prevented from attending an approved</u>	67
<u>educational program during a year because of the occurrence of</u>	68
<u>an unusual and prolonged emergency, provided the licensee</u>	69
<u>otherwise complies with such requirements as the board</u>	70
<u>determines.</u>	71
<u>(D)—(E) Educational program requirements not completed</u>	72
<u>during the biennial license period, due to a waiver granted by</u>	73
<u>the board under division (E)—(D) of this section, are cumulative</u>	74
<u>on the requirements for the succeeding biennial license period.</u>	75
<u>(E)—(F) Any license or limited license which is not</u>	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