

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1980

Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi

February 17, 2010

An act to amend Section 4827 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1980, as introduced, Hayashi. Veterinary medicine.

Existing law, the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, provides for the regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine by the Veterinary Medical Board and prohibits that practice without a license. Existing law specifies that the act does not prohibit an employee of an animal control shelter or humane society from administering sodium pentobarbital for euthanasia of specified animals if the employee has received proper training in that administration.

This bill would provide that the act also does not prohibit that employee from administering first aid to specified animals if he or she has received proper training in that administration.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4827 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 4827. Nothing in this chapter prohibits ~~any~~ a person from:
- 4 (a) Practicing veterinary medicine as a bona fide owner of one's
- 5 own animals. This exemption applies to the following:

- 1 (1) The owner’s bona fide employees.
- 2 (2) Any person assisting the owner, provided that the practice
- 3 is performed gratuitously.
- 4 (b) Lay testing of poultry by the whole blood agglutination test.
- 5 For purposes of this section, “poultry” means flocks of avian
- 6 species maintained for food production, including, but not limited
- 7 to, chickens, turkeys, and exotic fowl.
- 8 (c) Making any determination as to the status of pregnancy,
- 9 sterility, or infertility upon livestock, equine, or food animals at
- 10 the time an animal is being inseminated, providing no charge is
- 11 made for this determination.
- 12 (d) Administering sodium pentobarbital for euthanasia of, *or*
- 13 *first aid to*, sick, injured, homeless, or unwanted domestic pets or
- 14 animals without the presence of a veterinarian when the person is
- 15 an employee of an animal control shelter and its agencies or
- 16 humane society and has received proper training in the
- 17 administration of sodium pentobarbital *or first aid, as applicable,*
- 18 for these purposes.