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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 317**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein**

February 13, 2015

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An act to add Section 900.1 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to veterinary medicine.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 317, as amended, Maienschein. Veterinary medicine: temporary shelter.

Under existing law, the Veterinary Medical Board licenses and regulates veterinarians and the practice of veterinary medicine. It is unlawful for any person to practice veterinary medicine in this state unless he or she holds a valid, unexpired, and unrevoked license issued by the board, except under specified circumstances.

Existing law requires the registration of all premises where veterinary medicine, veterinary dentistry, or veterinary surgery is being practiced. Existing law also requires these premises, and all instruments, apparatus, and apparel used in connection with those practices, to be kept clean and sanitary at all times, and to conform to those minimum standards established by the board. Existing law makes it a misdemeanor to violate these provisions regulating the practice of veterinary medicine.

This bill would exempt from the premises registration requirements a temporary shelter that is established to provide care and shelter to animals displaced by a state of emergency, if specified requirements are ~~met~~. *met, and would authorize the Veterinary Medical Board to inspect a temporary shelter.* The bill would require, within 30 calendar days after the temporary shelter ceases operations, the party responsible for the temporary shelter to file a report with the ~~Veterinary Medical Board~~ *board* containing specific information.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 900.1 is added to the Business and  
 2 Professions Code, to read:  
 3 900.1. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a temporary shelter  
 4 shall be exempt from the premises registration requirements of  
 5 Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 4800) if all of the following  
 6 requirements are met:  
 7 (1) The temporary shelter is established to provide care and  
 8 shelter to animals displaced by a state of emergency, as defined  
 9 in subdivision (b) of Section 8558 of the Government Code, only  
 10 provides care and shelter to those animals, and, if possible, is  
 11 located near an American Red Cross shelter, or other equivalent  
 12 shelter, that houses persons displaced by the state of emergency.  
 13 (2) The temporary shelter is operated by either of the following:  
 14 (A) A veterinary health care practitioner licensed or certified  
 15 by, and in good standing in, another state, district, or territory of  
 16 the United States, who is deployed to this state pursuant to Section  
 17 900.  
 18 (B) A veterinary health care practitioner licensed or certified  
 19 by, and in good standing in, this state, who responds to a state of  
 20 emergency, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 8558 of the  
 21 Government Code.  
 22 (3) The temporary shelter complies with Section 4854.  
 23 (4) The temporary shelter does not operate beyond a  
 24 60-calendar-day period per state of emergency. ~~If the state of~~  
 25 ~~emergency exceeds the initial 60-calendar-day period, the Director~~  
 26 ~~of the Emergency Medical Services Authority may grant an~~

1 ~~extension of that period in 30-calendar-day increments until the~~  
2 ~~state of emergency is concluded.~~

3 *(5) The temporary shelter is deployed in a manner that is*  
4 *consistent with the sheltering guidelines established by the*  
5 *California Animal Response Emergency System (CARES).*

6 (b) Within 30 calendar days after a temporary shelter exempt  
7 from premises registration requirements pursuant to this section  
8 ceases operations, the party responsible for the temporary shelter  
9 shall file a report with the Veterinary Medical Board containing  
10 the date, place, type, and general description of the care provided  
11 at the shelter, and a listing of the veterinary health care practitioners  
12 who participated in providing that care.

13 *(c) The Veterinary Medical Board may inspect a temporary*  
14 *shelter established pursuant to this section.*