

# SB 1658 -- Redline

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~~SenateHouse~~ Engrossed Senate Bill veterinary technicians;  
education alternative ~~State(now: of Arizona Senate Fifty-seventh Legislature First Regular Session~~  
~~SENATE BILL 1658 AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 32-2242, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;~~  
~~RELATING failure to to VETERINARY treat; TECHNICIANS.~~  
animal cruelty) State of Arizona Senate Fifty-seventh Legislature First Regular Session CHAPTER 232  
SENATE BILL 1658 AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13-2910, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;  
RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY.

Section ~~32-2242, 13-2910,~~ Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
~~32-2242, 13-2910.~~

~~ApplicationCruelty for to certification animals; as veterinary technician;~~  
~~qualificationsinterference A with working or service animal;~~

~~A release person conditions; desiring to be certified as a veterinary technician shall apply in writing to~~  
~~the board on a form furnished by the board.~~

classification;  
definitions A.

A person commits cruelty to animals if the person does any of the following:

1.

Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly subjects any animal under the person's custody or control to  
cruel neglect or abandonment.

2.

Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly fails to provide medical attention necessary to prevent  
protracted suffering to any animal under the person's custody or control.

3.

Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly inflicts unnecessary physical injury to any animal.

4.

Recklessly subjects any animal to cruel mistreatment.

5.

Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly kills any animal under the custody or control of another person  
without either legal privilege or consent of the owner.

6.

Recklessly interferes with, kills or harms a working or service animal without either legal privilege or  
consent of the owner.

7.

Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly leaves an animal unattended and confined in a motor vehicle and  
physical injury to or death of the animal is likely to result.

8.

Intentionally or knowingly subjects any animal under the person's custody or control to cruel neglect or  
abandonment that results in serious physical injury to the animal.

9.

Intentionally or knowingly subjects any animal to cruel mistreatment.

10.

Intentionally or knowingly interferes with, kills or harms a working or service animal without either  
legal privilege or consent of the owner.

11.

Intentionally or knowingly allows any dog that is under the person's custody or control to interfere  
with, kill or cause physical injury to a service animal.

12.

Recklessly allows any dog that is under the person's custody or control to interfere with, kill or cause  
physical injury to a service animal.

13.

Intentionally or knowingly obtains or exerts unauthorized control over a service animal with the intent  
to deprive the service animal handler of the service animal.

14.

Intentionally or knowingly subjects a domestic animal to cruel mistreatment.

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Intentionally or knowingly kills a domestic animal without either legal privilege or consent of the domestic animal's owner or handler.

16.

Intentionally or knowingly harasses a working animal that is in a law enforcement vehicle or trailer without either legal privilege or consent of the owner.

17.

INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY FAILS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ATTENTION NECESSARY TO PREVENT UNREASONABLE SUFFERING TO ANY DOMESTIC ANIMAL UNDER THE PERSON'S CUSTODY OR CONTROL.

~~The~~It applicant is shall a be defense at to least subsection eighteen A years of age this and section shall if:  
furnish EITHER:

~~Satisfactory~~Any evidence person of exposes graduation poison from to be taken by a two-year dog curriculum that in has veterinary killed technology, or wounded livestock or poison to be taken by predatory animals on premises owned, leased or controlled by the equivalent person for the purpose of such protecting graduation the as person determined or by the person's livestock or poultry, the board, treated in property is college kept posted by the person who authorized or other performed institution the approved treatment until the poison has been removed and the poison is removed by the board, person exposing the poison after the threat to the person or the person's livestock or poultry has ceased to exist.

The posting required shall provide adequate warning to persons who enter the property by the point or points of normal entry.

The warning notice that is posted shall be readable at a distance of fifty feet, shall contain a poison statement and symbol and shall state the word "danger" or "warning".

~~A Any RECORD person OF uses HAVING, poisons UNDER in THE and SUPERVISION immediately OF around AN buildings ESTABLISHED owned, NONPROFIT leased IN or THIS controlled STATE by THAT the WORKS person WITH for ANIMALS the AND purpose PARTNERS of WITH controlling A wild VETERINARY and SCHOOL, domestic EITHER rodents FIVE as YEARS otherwise OF allowed ON THE JOB by TRAINING the OR laws WORKING of FOR the FIVE state, YEARS excluding UNDER any THE fur-bearing DIRECT animals SUPERVISION as OF defined A in LICENSED section VETERINARIAN, 17-101. DURING WHICH TIME THE APPLICANT LEARNED SKILLS PURSUANT TO THE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ESSENTIAL AND RECOMMENDED SKILL PRESCRIBED BY THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S CENTER FOR VETERINARY EDUCATION ACCREDITATION'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.~~

~~THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES GOVERNING THE NUMBER OF HOURS REQUIRED FOR EACH SKILL.~~

~~AN APPLICANT WHO SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE OF CERTIFICATION IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE VETERINARY TECHNICIAN NATIONAL EXAMINATION AND ANY STATE EXAMINATION FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIANS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.~~

~~THE SUPERVISED WORK OR TRAINING MUST BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN ESTABLISHED NONPROFIT IN THIS STATE THAT WORKS WITH ANIMALS AND PARTNERS WITH A VETERINARY SCHOOL, IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD AND MUST INCLUDE:~~

~~(a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SKILL OR SKILLS THE APPLICANT DEVELOPED.~~

~~(b) THE SIGNATURE OF THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN WHO DIRECTLY SUPERVISED THE APPLICANT WHILE THE APPLICANT WORKED ON THE SKILL.~~

~~The~~This application section shall does be not accompanied prohibit by or the restrict: application and examination fee established by the board.

1.

The taking of wildlife or other activities permitted by or pursuant to title 17.

2.

Activities permitted by or pursuant to title 3.

3.

Activities regulated by the Arizona game and fish department or the Arizona department of agriculture.

~~An A applicant peace from officer, another animal state control is enforcement not agent required or animal control enforcement deputy may use reasonable force to re take open the a veterinary vehicle technician to national rescue examination an animal if the applicant animal can is provide left all in the vehicle as prescribed in subsection A, paragraph 7 of the this following section.~~

E.

A person who is convicted of a violation of subsection A, paragraph 6 or 10 of this section is liable as follows:

~~Proof~~If the working or service animal was killed or disabled, to the owner or agency that owns the

~~applicant's working original or score service meets~~ animal and that employs the ~~minimum handler score or required to by the owner or handler for the board,~~ replacement and training costs of the working or service animal and for any veterinary bills.

~~Proof~~ To the owner or agency that owns a working or service animal for the ~~applicant salary holds of an the active handler license for in the good period standing of in time another that state the or handler's in services Canada,~~ are lost to the owner or agency.

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To the owner for the owner's contractual losses with the agency.

F.

An incorporated city or town or a county may adopt an ordinance with misdemeanor provisions at least as stringent as the misdemeanor provisions of this section, except that any ordinance adopted shall not prohibit or restrict any activity involving a dog, whether the dog is restrained or not, if the activity is directly related to the business of shepherding or herding livestock and the activity is necessary for the safety of a human, the dog or livestock or is permitted by or pursuant to title 3.

G.

If a judicial officer orders the release of a person who is currently serving a term of probation for a violation of this section and who is charged with a new violation of this section on the person's own recognizance or on the execution of bail, the judicial officer shall impose a condition of release that prohibits the person from possessing or having contact with any animal.

H.

A person who violates subsection A, paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, or 16 OR 17 of this section is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

A person who violates subsection A, paragraph 8, 9, 10, 11 or 13 of this section is guilty of a class 6 felony.

A person who violates subsection A, paragraph 14 or 15 of this section is guilty of a class 5 felony.

I.

For the purposes of this section:

1.

"Animal" means a mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian.

2.

"Cruel mistreatment" means to torture or otherwise inflict unnecessary serious physical injury on an animal or to kill an animal in a manner that causes protracted suffering to the animal.

~~Proof~~ "Cruel of neglect" employment means ~~as to a fail veterinary to technician provide in an two animal of with the necessary preceding food, four water years or four shelter of for the TO preceding FAIL seven TO years.~~ PROVIDE A DOMESTIC ANIMAL WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

~~-(a) 1 EXCEPT -~~ FOR A DOG THAT PRIMARILY RESIDES OUTDOORS, ACCESS TO SHELTER THAT IS NECESSARY AND ADEQUATE.

(b) FOR A DOG THAT PRIMARILY RESIDES OUTDOORS, EXCEPT WHILE A DOG IS ENGAGED IN OR TRAINING FOR LAWFUL HUNTING, POLICE, MILITARY OR PATROL WORK, SEARCH AND RESCUE, HERDING OR LIVESTOCK GUARDING, TRIALS AND OTHER LAWFUL COMPETITIONS, SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE WORK AND OTHER WORKING, SPORTING AND COMPETITIVE FUNCTIONS OR IS UNDER THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF A PERSON WHO HAS NO PERMANENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE, ACCESS TO SHELTER THAT MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(i) HAS A NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL COVER THAT IS ACCESSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

(ii) IS MAINTAINED IN GOOD REPAIR, IS OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO PROTECT THE DOG FROM INJURY AND ALLOWS THE DOG TO STAND, TURN AROUND, LIE DOWN IN A NATURAL MANNER AND MAINTAIN NORMAL BODY TEMPERATURE.

(iii) IS MAINTAINED IN A MANNER THAT MINIMIZES THE RISK OF DISEASE, INFESTATION OR PARASITES.

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"Domestic animal" means a mammal, BIRD, REPTILE OR AMPHIBIAN, not regulated by title 3, that is kept primarily as a pet or companion or that is bred to be a pet or companion.

5.

"Handler" means a law enforcement officer or any other person who has successfully completed a course of training prescribed by the person's agency or the service animal owner and who used a specially trained animal under the direction of the person's agency or the service animal owner.

6.

"Harass" means to engage in conduct that a reasonable person would expect to impede or interfere with a working animal's performance of its duties.

7.

"Service animal" means an animal that has completed a formal training program, that assists its owner in one or more daily living tasks that are associated with a productive lifestyle and that is trained to not pose a danger to the health and safety of the general public.

8.

"Working animal" means a horse or dog that is used by a law enforcement agency, that is specially trained for law enforcement work and that is under the control of a handler.

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Short title This act may be cited as "Jerry's Law".

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