

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 2, 2026

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1198 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 9 and substitute:

2 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-315-105, **amend**
3 (3); and **add** (2)(b)(IV) as follows:

4 **12-315-105. License requirements and exceptions - practice of**
5 **veterinary medicine - prescriptions - definitions - rules.**

6 (2)(b)(IV) A VETERINARIAN WHO ADMINISTERS, DISTRIBUTES,
7 DISPENSES, OR PRESCRIBES A PRESCRIPTION DRUG IN ACCORDANCE WITH
8 THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b) IS NOT CONDUCTING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY,
9 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-280-103 (39), IS NOT ACTING AS A
10 PHARMACIST, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-280-103 (35), AND IS NOT
11 SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE BY THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY CREATED IN
12 SECTION 12-280-104 SOLELY FOR ADMINISTERING, DISTRIBUTING,
13 DISPENSING, OR PRESCRIBING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG IN ACCORDANCE WITH
14 THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b).

15 (3) If a veterinarian complies with the requirements of section
16 ~~12-280-121~~ **12-315-128 (2) AND (3)**, the veterinarian may maintain an
17 office stock of compounded drugs. As used in this subsection (3), "office
18 stock" has the same meaning as set forth in section 12-280-121 (5)(b).".

19 Page 3, strike lines 4 through 27 and substitute "the requirements of the
20 occupational credential portability program.

21 (2) THE BOARD SHALL REVIEW AND UPDATE EXISTING PROCEDURES
22 RELATED TO THE PROCESS BY WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL IS LICENSED BY
23 ENDORSEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND SHALL ADOPT
24 RULES WITH THE INTENT TO EXPEDITE THE LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT
25 PROCESS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE ELIMINATING DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENTS
26 AND STREAMLINING THE PATHWAY TO LICENSURE.".

1 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 7 and substitute:

2 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended**
3 **and relocated provisions** 12-315-128 as follows:

4 **12-315-128. Compounding drugs for veterinary use -**
5 **dispensing of drugs by veterinarian - animal shelters - rules -**
6 **definitions.**

7 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
8 REQUIRES:

9 (a) "OFFICE STOCK" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION
10 12-280-121 (5)(b).

11 (b) "PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUTLET" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH
12 IN SECTION 12-280-121 (5)(c).

13 (2) **[Formerly 12-280-121 (2)]** (a) A veterinarian may dispense
14 a compounded drug maintained as part of the veterinarian's office stock
15 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section only if:

16 (I) The compounded drug is necessary for the treatment of ~~an~~
17 ~~animal~~ A patient's emergency condition; and

18 (II) As determined by the veterinarian, the veterinarian cannot
19 access, in a timely manner, the compounded drug through a registered
20 prescription drug outlet.

21 (b) A veterinarian shall not dispense a compounded drug pursuant
22 to this section in an amount greater than the amount required to treat ~~an~~
23 ~~animal~~ ~~patient's emergency condition for five days~~ A PATIENT'S
24 CONDITION.

25 (3) **[Formerly 12-280-121 (3)]** A licensed veterinarian shall not
26 administer or dispense a compounded drug maintained for office stock
27 pursuant to this section ~~or for office use pursuant to section 12-280-120~~
28 ~~(6)(b)~~ without a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship in place at
29 the time of administering the compounded drug to ~~an animal~~ A patient or
30 dispensing the compounded drug to a client.

31 (4) **[Formerly 12-280-120 (17)]** (a) An animal shelter or animal
32 control agency that is registered with the ~~board~~ STATE BOARD OF
33 PHARMACY pursuant to section 12-280-119 (12) is authorized to:

34 (I) Purchase, possess, and administer sodium pentobarbital, or
35 sodium pentobarbital in combination with other prescription drugs that
36 are medically recognized for euthanasia, to euthanize injured, sick,
37 homeless, or unwanted pets and animals;

38 (II) Purchase, possess, and administer drugs commonly used for
39 the chemical capture of animals for control purposes or to sedate or
40 immobilize ~~pet~~ animals immediately prior to euthanasia; and

41 (III) Purchase and possess vaccines and administer vaccines in
42 accordance with applicable laws.

1 (b) An animal shelter or animal control agency registered pursuant
2 to section 12-280-119 (12) shall not permit a person to administer
3 scheduled controlled substances, sodium pentobarbital, or sodium
4 pentobarbital in combination with other noncontrolled prescription drugs
5 that are medically recognized for euthanasia unless the person has
6 demonstrated adequate knowledge of the potential hazards and proper
7 techniques to be used in administering the drug or combination of drugs.

8 (5) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT ANY RULES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT
9 AND ADMINISTER THIS SECTION.

10 **SECTION 4. Repeal of relocated provisions in this act.** In
11 Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 12-280-120 (17) and 12-280-121 (2)
12 and (3)."

13 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

14 Page 4, strike lines 19 through 27.

15 Strike page 5.

16 Page 6, strike lines 1 through 6.

17 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

18 Page 9, after line 2 insert:

19 **"SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-280-119, **amend**
20 (12)(b) and (12)(c) as follows:

21 **12-280-119. Registration of facilities - rules.**

22 (12) (b) The board may issue a limited license to an animal shelter
23 or animal control agency to perform the activities described in section
24 ~~12-280-120 (17)~~ **12-315-128 (4)**.

25 (c) The board shall adopt rules as necessary to ensure strict
26 compliance with this subsection (12) and section ~~12-280-120 (17)~~
27 **12-315-128 (4)** and, in conjunction with the state board of veterinary
28 medicine, shall develop criteria for training individuals in the
29 administration of the drug or combination of drugs.

30 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-280-127, **amend**
31 (1)(b) as follows:

32 **12-280-127. Disciplinary actions.**

33 (1) (b) The board may suspend or revoke a registration issued
34 pursuant to section 12-280-119 (12) upon determination that the person
35 administering a drug or combination of drugs to an animal has not
36 demonstrated adequate knowledge required by sections 12-280-119 (12)

1 and ~~12-280-120 (17)~~ *12-315-128 (4)*."

2 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

3 Page 1, strike lines 102 through 106 and substitute "**CONNECTION**
4 **THEREWITH, EXPEDITING THE PROCESS BY WHICH A VETERINARIAN IS**
5 **LICENSED BY ENDORSEMENT, CLARIFYING THE USE OF PRESCRIPTION**
6 **DRUGS AND COMPOUNDED DRUGS BY VETERINARIANS, AND**
7 **ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR THE DONATION OF VETERINARY**
8 **DRUGS.**".

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