

SB 976-1  
(LC 4418)  
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Requested by Senator NASH

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 976**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “ORS” insert “596.321 and”.

2 Delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. ORS 686.040, as amended by section 10, chapter 30, Oregon**  
4 **Laws 2024, is amended to read:**

5 **“686.040. (1) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to **the following:****

6 **“(a) Commissioned veterinary officers of the United States Army, or those**  
7 **in the employ of other United States Government agencies while engaged in**  
8 **their official capacity, unless they enter into a private practice.**

9 **“(b) An individual who holds a valid degree or certification in**  
10 **equine dentistry and is practicing equine dentistry within the scope**  
11 **of that degree or certification if that degree or certification is obtained**  
12 **from the International Association of Equine Dentistry, or its succes-**  
13 **sor organization, or another organization approved by the Department**  
14 **of Agriculture.**

15 **“(c) An individual who has received training to verify whether cat-**  
16 **tle are pregnant and is performing pregnancy verification services on**  
17 **cattle within the scope of the individual’s training.**

18 **“(2) Nothing in ORS 167.322 or 686.020 (1)(a) shall be so construed as to**  
19 **prevent any person or the agent or employee of the person from practicing**  
20 **veterinary medicine and surgery or dentistry in a humane manner on any**  
21 **animal belonging to the person, agent or employee or for gratuitous services**

1 or from dehorning and vaccinating cattle for the person, agent or employee.

2 “(3) Nothing in ORS 686.020 (1)(a) shall be so construed as to prevent the  
3 selling of veterinary remedies and instruments by a licensed pharmacist at  
4 the regular place of business of the licensed pharmacist.

5 “(4) A practitioner of allied health methods may practice that method on  
6 animals without violating ORS 686.020 (1)(a), as long as the practice is in  
7 conformance with laws and rules governing the practitioner’s practice and  
8 the practice is upon referral from a licensed veterinarian for treatment or  
9 therapy specified by the veterinarian.

10 “(5) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to the lay testing of poultry by the  
11 whole blood agglutination test.

12 “(6) A certified euthanasia technician holding an active, current certifi-  
13 cate may inject sodium pentobarbital, sedative and analgesic medications  
14 and any other euthanasia substance approved by the Oregon State Veterinary  
15 Medical Examining Board without violating ORS 686.020 (1)(a).

16 “(7) The board by rule may specify circumstances under which unlicensed  
17 persons may give vaccinations, administer an anesthetic or otherwise assist  
18 in the practice of veterinary medicine.

19 “(8) Any individual licensed as a veterinarian in another state may be  
20 used in consultation in this state with a person licensed to practice  
21 veterinary medicine in this state provided the consultation does not exceed  
22 30 days in any 365 consecutive days.

23 “(9) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to authorized representatives of the  
24 State Department of Agriculture in the discharge of any duty authorized by  
25 the department.

26 “(10) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to an unlicensed representative  
27 of a livestock association, cow-testing association, or poultry association  
28 who, for the benefit of the association, takes blood samples for laboratory  
29 tests for the diagnosis of livestock or poultry diseases, but only if this person  
30 has received authorization from the State Department of Agriculture fol-

1   lowing a written request to the department.

2       “(11) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to persons permitted by the State  
3   Department of Fish and Wildlife to rehabilitate orphaned, sick or injured  
4   wildlife, as defined in ORS 496.004, for the purpose of restoring the animals  
5   to the wild.

6       “(12) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to students, agents or employees  
7   of public or private educational or medical research institutions involved in  
8   educational or research activities under the auspices of those institutions.

9       “(13) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to:

10      “(a) Veterinarians employed by Oregon State University;

11      “(b) Instructors of veterinary courses; or

12      “(c) Students of veterinary science who participate in the diagnosis and  
13   treatment of animals if the students:

14      “(A) Are participating in the diagnosis and treatment of animals while  
15   engaged in an educational program approved by the board or a college of  
16   veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Associ-  
17   ation; and

18      “(B) Are under the direct supervision of an Oregon licensed veterinarian  
19   or a veterinarian approved by the board or Oregon State University to su-  
20   pervise students in the educational program.

21      **“(14) The State Department of Agriculture shall by rule specify**  
22   **circumstances under which unlicensed persons may engage in activ-**  
23   **ities described in subsection (1)(b) and (c) of this section.**

24      **“(15) The department shall inform individuals authorized to verify**  
25   **whether cattle are pregnant of the requirement to report livestock**  
26   **diseases as required under ORS 596.321.**

27      **“SECTION 2. ORS 596.321 is amended to read:**

28      **“596.321. (1) The State Department of Agriculture shall enact rules and**  
29   **regulations:**

30      **“(a) Containing a list of livestock diseases that must be reported to the**

1 department by any person practicing veterinary medicine in this state.

2 “(b) Concerning the time and manner of reporting livestock diseases and  
3 any other information considered reasonably necessary by the department.

4 “(c) Regarding the time and manner of vaccinating female cattle against  
5 brucellosis.

6 “(2) Any person practicing veterinary medicine in this state, having  
7 knowledge of the existence of any livestock disease listed pursuant to sub-  
8 section (1) of this section, shall immediately report the disease to the de-  
9 partment in the manner provided by rule or regulation.

10 **“(3) For the purposes of this section, ‘practicing veterinary medi-  
11 cine’ includes individuals authorized to verify whether cattle are  
12 pregnant under ORS 686.040 (1)(c).”.**