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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 317

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein

February 13, 2015

An act to add Section ~~4853.7~~ *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 facility~~. *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 ~~an organization that establishes a temporary shelter facility during a state of emergency to provide veterinary medical care by a veterinarian~~

~~who is regularly licensed in good standing in another state or territory of the United States if the temporary shelter facility meets specified requirements: that is established to provide care and shelter to animals displaced by a state of emergency, if specified requirements are met. 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 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 *(b) Within 30 calendar days after a temporary shelter exempt*
4 *from premises registration requirements pursuant to this section*
5 *ceases operations, the party responsible for the temporary shelter*
6 *shall file a report with the Veterinary Medical Board containing*
7 *the date, place, type, and general description of the care provided*
8 *at the shelter, and a listing of the veterinary health care*
9 *practitioners who participated in providing that care.*

10 SECTION 1. ~~Section 4853.7 is added to the Business and~~
11 ~~Professions Code, to read:~~

12 ~~4853.7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,~~
13 ~~an organization that establishes a temporary shelter facility to~~
14 ~~provide veterinary medical care, shelter, and food and water during~~
15 ~~a state of emergency, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 8558,~~
16 ~~by a veterinarian who is regularly licensed in good standing in~~
17 ~~another state or territory of the United States shall be exempt from~~
18 ~~the premises registration requirements of this chapter if the~~
19 ~~following requirements are met:~~

20 ~~(a) A notice is posted in a conspicuous location that the~~
21 ~~temporary shelter facility is being used for the diagnosis and~~
22 ~~treatment of animals affected by the state of emergency and that~~
23 ~~this diagnosis and treatment is provided by a veterinarian who is~~
24 ~~licensed in another state or territory of the United States.~~

25 ~~(b) The temporary shelter facility complies with the standards~~
26 ~~established pursuant to Section 4854.~~

27 ~~(c) The temporary shelter ceases operations within 60 days after~~
28 ~~its establishment unless the board grants an extension of this date~~
29 ~~to protect the public health and safety of the animals within the~~
30 ~~temporary shelter.~~

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