

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2017 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 618**

BY SENATORS MAYNARD AND CLINE

[Introduced March 15, 2017; Referred  
to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §30-10-24, relating to continuing education credits of veterinarians; and  
 3 allowing credits for providing free spaying and neutering and other related veterinary  
 4 services under certain circumstances.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
 2 section, designated §30-10-24, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 10. VETERINARIANS.**

**§30-10-24. Continuing education credits for spaying and neutering and other related  
 veterinary services.**

1 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or a rule promulgated under this chapter, the  
 2 board shall allow annually in satisfaction of its continuing education requirements, up to four hours  
 3 for veterinarians who provide free spaying and neutering and other related veterinary services in  
 4 conjunction with a municipality, an incorporated not-for-profit society for the prevention of cruelty  
 5 to animals, an incorporated humane society, or incorporated animal protection association if the  
 6 services are administered at practices, facilities and properties that are appropriately equipped  
 7 and staffed to provide the services.

8 The board may offset up to four hours of the requisite number of hours of continuing  
 9 education required by free spaying and neutering services rendered by an applicant at a rate of  
 10 thirty minutes of continuing education for each hour of free spaying and neutering services, if the  
 11 veterinarian is required to provide follow-up service for any post-operative complications related  
 12 to the surgery that arise within seventy-two hours of performing the surgery.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow continuing education credits for veterinarians who provide free spaying and neutering and other related veterinary services under certain circumstances.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.