

CS for SB 401

THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Committee Substitute for
Senate Bill No. 401

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 401 - By: CORN of the Senate and SMITHSON of the House.

[animals - disposal of animals - effective date]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2001, Section 502, is amended to read as follows:

Section 502. A. Denatured sodium pentobarbital shall be administered by any one of the following methods:

1. Intravenous or intracardial injection of a lethal dose in dogs and cats. Intracardiac injection is acceptable only when performed on heavily sedated, anesthetized, or comatose animals;

2. Oral ingestion by wild or intractable dogs of powdered denatured sodium pentobarbital in capsules mixed with food, with the dog remaining in its individual cage until dead; or

3. Intraperitoneal or intracardial injection in cats, kittens and puppies when location of and injection into the vein is difficult or impossible. Intracardiac injection is acceptable only when performed on heavily sedated, anesthetized, or comatose animals.

1 B. Denatured sodium pentobarbital shall be administered under
2 the following conditions:

3 1. A sharp and undamaged hypodermic needle shall be used for
4 each animal and be of a size suitable for the size and species of
5 animal, and method of injection; and

6 2. Administration shall be by a licensed veterinarian or by a
7 person trained for this purpose and approved and supervised by a
8 licensed veterinarian, or a person certified as an animal euthanasia
9 technician by the Oklahoma State Board of Veterinary Medical
10 Examiners, or by an animal control officer as defined by Section 44
11 of this title who is certified by a statewide animal control
12 association.

13 C. A licensed veterinarian may certify the purchase of
14 denatured sodium pentobarbital for any bona fide animal shelter.

15 D. 1. A certified animal euthanasia technician that is
16 registered by the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs
17 Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, and who holds a valid certificate
18 issued by the Oklahoma Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is
19 authorized to purchase and possess denatured sodium pentobarbital or
20 other drugs approved by the Oklahoma Board of Veterinary Medical
21 Examiners for euthanasia of animals provided they are working in
22 conjunction with a law enforcement agency, animal control agency, or
23 animal shelter that is recognized and approved by the Board; and

1 2. Denatured sodium pentobarbital and other drugs approved by
2 the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall be the only drugs
3 used for the euthanasia of animals in an animal shelter.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-19-03 - DO
6 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.