

SENATE, No. 529

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 29, 1996

By Senator BASSANO

1 AN ACT concerning animal euthanasia and supplementing chapter 22
2 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Any person who administers animal euthanasia for an
8 incorporated humane society or licensed animal control facility shall
9 be certified by the Department of Health as trained and qualified in the
10 euthanasia procedure. The Department of Health shall file the
11 certification in writing with the humane society or the animal control
12 facility where it shall be available at the licensed premise for
13 inspection.

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15 2. The Department of Health, within 90 days after the date of
16 enactment of this act, shall establish, by regulation adopted pursuant
17 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1
18 et seq.), a procedure and criteria for the certification required pursuant
19 to section 1 of this act.

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21 3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of
22 enactment, except that section 2 shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill would provide that any person who administers animal
28 euthanasia for an incorporated humane society or licensed animal
29 control facility shall be certified by the Department of Health as
30 trained and qualified in the euthanasia procedure. The department is
31 required to file the certification at the licensed premise, where it is to
32 be available for inspection.

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34 The bill also would require the Department of Health to establish,
35 within 90 days, procedures and criteria for the certification of persons
36 who administer animal euthanasia, and would postpone the
certification requirement until the department has acted.

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3 Provides that persons who administer animal euthanasia shall be
4 certified by DOH as trained and qualified.