

# HB 1929 -- CERTIFIED EUTHANASIA TECHNICIANS

SPONSOR: Swan

This bill prohibits anyone other than a licensed veterinarian, certified euthanasia technician, registered veterinary technician, provisional licensee, veterinary candidate, veterinary student preceptee, and unregistered assistant to administer controlled substances for the purposes of euthanizing an animal. Certified euthanasia technicians, registered veterinary technicians, and provisional licensees can only perform such services under the indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian, while veterinary medical candidates, veterinary student preceptees, and unregistered assistants must have immediate supervision by a licensed veterinarian in order to euthanize an animal.

The bill also specifies the requirements for the certification of euthanasia technicians by the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board to administer controlled substances for the euthanasia of animals under the indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

Applicants for certification must complete certain courses and pass an exam as provided by the board. Prior to receiving certification, applicants must also file with the board an agreement between the applicant and a licensed veterinarian which expresses the veterinarian's intent to provide indirect supervision over the applicant's euthanasia services.

A certificate issued to a certified euthanasia technician must be renewed every two years as specified in the bill.

This bill is similar to SB 839 (2016).