

# HOUSE BILL No. 6031

May 17, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Sneller, Gay-Dagnogo, Chang, Geiss, Wittenberg, Pagan, Yancey, Yanez, Green, Chirkun and Jones and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 18830.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 18830. (1) A VETERINARIAN SHALL NOT PERFORM A  
2        DEVOCALIZATION PROCEDURE ON AN ANIMAL UNLESS THE VETERINARIAN  
3        DETERMINES THAT THE PROCEDURE IS FOR A THERAPEUTIC PURPOSE.

4        (2) IF A VETERINARIAN DETERMINES THAT A DEVOCALIZATION  
5        PROCEDURE IS FOR A THERAPEUTIC PURPOSE, THE VETERINARIAN SHALL  
6        PREPARE AND FILE WITH THE BOARD A WRITTEN STATEMENT THAT STATES THE  
7        PURPOSE FOR PERFORMING THE PROCEDURE AND PROVIDES THE NAME AND  
8        ADDRESS OF THE ANIMAL'S OWNER. THE VETERINARIAN SHALL ALSO PROVIDE  
9        A COPY OF THE STATEMENT TO THE ANIMAL'S OWNER.

10       (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

11       (A) "DEVOCALIZATION" MEANS A PROCEDURE ON THE LARYNX OR VOCAL

1 CORDS OF AN ANIMAL THAT CAUSES THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF  
2 VOCAL SOUNDS PRODUCED BY THAT ANIMAL.

3 (B) "THERAPEUTIC PURPOSE" MEANS A PURPOSE THAT IS MEDICALLY  
4 NECESSARY TO TREAT OR RELIEVE AN ILLNESS, DISEASE, OR INJURY OR TO  
5 CORRECT A CONGENITAL ABNORMALITY THAT IS CAUSING OR MAY CAUSE THE  
6 ANIMAL PHYSICAL PAIN OR HARM.

7 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
8 after the date it is enacted into law.