Amend reengrossed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "(3)(e)" and substitute "(3)(e); and add (2.3) and (2.5)".

Page 2, after line 13, insert:

"(2.3) (a) For an animal born in Colorado, if a licensed veterinarian declares in writing that a sterilization procedure could jeopardize the health of the dog or cat, the procedure may be delayed until such time that a veterinarian determines that the dog or cat is fit to undergo the sterilization procedure. At such time, the prospective owner shall have the animal sterilized. If the determination of unfitness for sterilization has been made prior to release, the animal shelter or pet animal rescue may release the dog or cat to the prospective owner, subject to the provisions of this subsection (2.3).

(b) If a veterinarian licensed in Colorado declares in writing that a sterilization procedure is likely to cause a secondary illness, injury, impairment, or physical condition that involves inpatient care or ongoing outpatient treatment, the procedure may be delayed until such time that a veterinarian determines that the dog or cat is fit to undergo the sterilization procedure. If the determination of unfitness for sterilization due to jeopardizing the health of the animal has been made prior to release, the animal shelter or pet animal rescue may release the dog or cat to the prospective owner, subject to this subsection (2.3)(b).

(2.5) For the purposes of the exemptions in subsections (2) and (2.3) of this section:

(a) A veterinarian shall base a determination of unfitness on specific details regarding the specific animal for which an exemption is requested and shall not include multiple animal exemption requests in one determination.

(b) The commissioner may submit a signed complaint to the state board of veterinary medicine if the commissioner has reason to believe that a veterinarian’s written declaration submitted pursuant to subsections (2) or (2.3) of this section is in violation of section 12-315-112.

(c) At the time of license renewal, each animal shelter or pet animal rescue shall provide the department with information regarding animals exempted pursuant to subsections (2) and (2.3) of this section. The animal shelter or pet...
ANIMAL RESCUE SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION IN THE FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL INCLUDE THE BREED, AGE, CATEGORY OF EXEMPTION, REASONING FOR THE EXEMPTION, AND NAME AND LICENSE NUMBER OF THE VETERINARIAN LICENSED IN COLORADO THAT MADE THE EXEMPTION DETERMINATION.".

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