

HB 1331 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.92.015 and 2000 c 93 s 9 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (~~Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,~~) The definitions
6 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context
7 clearly requires otherwise.

8 (~~"Veterinary technician" means a person who has successfully~~
9 ~~completed an examination administered by the board and who has either~~
10 ~~successfully completed a post high school course approved by the board~~
11 ~~in the care and treatment of animals or had five years' practical~~
12 ~~experience, acceptable to the board, with a licensed veterinarian.))~~

13 (1) "Board" means the Washington state veterinary board of
14 governors.

15 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

16 (3) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health.

17 (4) "Veterinary medication clerk" means a person who has
18 satisfactorily completed a board-approved training program developed in
19 consultation with the board of pharmacy and designed to prepare persons
20 to perform certain nondiscretionary functions defined by the board and
21 used in the dispensing of legend and nonlegend drugs (except controlled
22 substances as defined in or under chapter 69.50 RCW) associated with
23 the practice of veterinary medicine.

24 (5) "Veterinary technician" means a person who is licensed by the
25 board upon meeting the requirements of section 2 of this act.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.92 RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 (1) The board shall issue a veterinary technician license to an
29 individual who has:

1 (a) Successfully passed an examination administered by the board;
2 and

3 (b)(i) Successfully completed a posthigh school course approved by
4 the board in the care and treatment of animals; or

5 (ii) Had five years' practical experience, acceptable to the board,
6 with a licensed veterinarian.

7 (2) The board shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW identifying
8 standard tasks and procedures that must be included in the experience
9 of a person who qualifies to take the veterinarian technician
10 examination through the period of practical experience required in
11 subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, and requirements for the
12 supervising veterinarian's attestation to completion of the practical
13 experience and that training included the required tasks and
14 procedures.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.92.021 and 1983 c 2 s 2 are each amended to read as
16 follows:

17 (1) There is created a Washington state veterinary board of
18 governors consisting of (~~six~~) seven members, five of whom shall be
19 licensed veterinarians, one of whom shall be a licensed veterinary
20 technician trained in both large and small animal medicine, and one of
21 whom shall be a lay member.

22 (2)(a) The licensed members shall be appointed by the governor. At
23 the time of their appointment the licensed members of the board must be
24 actual residents of the state in active practice as licensed
25 practitioners of veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry, or
26 employed as a licensed veterinary technician, as applicable, and must
27 be citizens of the United States. Not more than one licensed
28 veterinary member shall be from the same congressional district. The
29 board shall not be deemed to be unlawfully constituted and a member of
30 the board shall not be deemed ineligible to serve the remainder of the
31 member's unexpired term on the board solely by reason of the
32 establishment of new or revised boundaries for congressional districts.

33 (b) The terms of the first licensed members of the board shall be
34 as follows: One member for five, four, three, two, and one years
35 respectively. Thereafter the terms shall be for five years and until
36 their successors are appointed and qualified.

1 ~~((3))~~ (c) The lay member shall be appointed by the governor for
2 a five year term and until the lay member's successor is appointed.

3 ~~((4))~~ (d) A member may be appointed to serve a second term, if
4 that term does not run consecutively.

5 (e) Vacancies in the board shall be filled by the governor, the
6 appointee to hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

7 ~~((5))~~ (3) The licensed veterinary technician member is a
8 nonvoting member with respect to board decisions related to the
9 discipline of a veterinarian involving standard of care.

10 (4) Officers of the board shall be a ~~((chairman))~~ chair and a
11 secretary-treasurer to be chosen by the members of the board from among
12 its members.

13 ~~((6))~~ (5) Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum at
14 meetings of the board.

15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.92.030 and 2000 c 93 s 10 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) The board shall develop and administer, or approve, or both, a
18 licensure examination in the subjects determined by the board to be
19 essential to the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, and
20 dentistry. The board may approve an examination prepared or
21 administered by a private testing agency or association of licensing
22 authorities.

23 (2) The board, under chapter 34.05 RCW, may adopt rules necessary
24 to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including:

25 (a) Standards for the performance of the duties and
26 responsibilities of veterinary technicians and veterinary medication
27 clerks and fixing minimum standards of continuing education for
28 veterinary technicians. The rules shall be adopted in the interest of
29 good veterinary health care delivery to the consuming public and shall
30 not prevent veterinary technicians from inoculating an animal(~~((The~~
31 ~~board also has the power to adopt by rule))~~); and

32 (b) Standards prescribing requirements for veterinary medical
33 facilities and fixing minimum standards of continuing veterinary
34 medical education.

35 (3) The department is the board's official office of record.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.92.013 and 2000 c 93 s 8 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) A veterinarian legally prescribing drugs may delegate to a
4 registered veterinary medication clerk or a (~~registered~~) licensed
5 veterinary technician, while under the veterinarian's direct
6 supervision, certain nondiscretionary functions defined by the board
7 and used in the dispensing of legend and nonlegend drugs (except
8 controlled substances as defined in or under chapter 69.50 RCW)
9 associated with the practice of veterinary medicine. Upon final
10 approval of the packaged prescription following a direct physical
11 inspection of the packaged prescription for proper formulation,
12 packaging, and labeling by the veterinarian, the veterinarian may
13 delegate the delivery of the prescription to a registered veterinary
14 medication clerk or (~~registered~~) licensed veterinary technician,
15 while under the veterinarian's indirect supervision. Dispensing of
16 drugs by veterinarians, (~~registered~~) licensed veterinary technicians,
17 and registered veterinary medication clerks shall meet the applicable
18 requirements of chapters 18.64, 69.40, 69.41, and 69.50 RCW and is
19 subject to inspection by the board of pharmacy investigators.

20 (2) For the purposes of this section:

21 (a) "Direct supervision" means the veterinarian is on the premises
22 and is quickly and easily available; and

23 (b) "Indirect supervision" means the veterinarian is not on the
24 premises but has given written or oral instructions for the delegated
25 task.

26 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.92.140 and 2000 c 93 s 13 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 Each person now qualified to practice veterinary medicine, surgery,
29 and dentistry, (~~registered~~) licensed as a veterinary technician, or
30 registered as a veterinary medication clerk in this state or who
31 becomes licensed or registered to engage in practice shall comply with
32 administrative procedures, administrative requirements, and fees
33 determined as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

34 **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.92.145 and 2000 c 93 s 14 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 Administrative procedures, administrative requirements, and fees

1 shall be established as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280 for the
2 issuance, renewal, or administration of the following licenses,
3 certificates of registration, permits, duplicate licenses, renewals, or
4 examination:

5 (1) For a license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and
6 dentistry issued upon an examination given by the examining board;

7 (2) For a license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and
8 dentistry issued upon the basis of a license issued in another state;

9 (3) For a (~~certificate of registration~~) license as a veterinary
10 technician;

11 (4) For a certificate of registration as a veterinary medication
12 clerk;

13 (5) For a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine,
14 surgery, and dentistry. The temporary permit fee shall be accompanied
15 by the full amount of the examination fee; and

16 (6) For a license to practice specialized veterinary medicine."

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17 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "technicians;" strike the
18 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.92.015, 18.92.021,
19 18.92.030, 18.92.013, 18.92.140, and 18.92.145; and adding a new
20 section to chapter 18.92 RCW."

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