
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5576

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By Senate Committee on Agriculture & Water Resources (originally sponsored by Senators West and Niemi; by request of Department of Health).

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1 AN ACT Relating to veterinary medicine; amending RCW 18.92.015 and
2 18.92.145; and adding a new section to chapter 18.92 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.92.015 and 1983 c 102 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

8 "Animal technician" means a person who has successfully completed
9 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 "Board" ((used in this chapter shall)) means the Washington state
14 veterinary board of governors((; and the term "director" shall)).

15 "Department" means the department of health.

1 "Secretary" means the ~~((director of licensing of the state of~~
2 ~~Washington))~~ secretary of the department of health.

3 ~~(("Animal technician" shall mean a person who has successfully~~
4 ~~completed an examination administered by the board and who has either~~
5 ~~successfully completed a post high school course approved by the board~~
6 ~~in the care and treatment of animals, or a person who has had five~~
7 ~~years practical experience acceptable to the board with a licensed~~
8 ~~veterinarian.))~~

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

11 (1) The department may issue a license to practice specialized
12 veterinary medicine in this state to a veterinarian who:

13 (a) Submits an application on a form provided by the secretary for
14 a license in a specialty area recognized by the board by rule;

15 (b) Holds a current certification as a diplomate of a national
16 specialty board or college recognized by the board by rule in the
17 specialty area for which application is submitted;

18 (c) Is not subject to license investigation, suspension,
19 revocation, or other disciplinary action in any state, United States
20 territory, or province of Canada;

21 (d) Has successfully completed an examination established by the
22 board regarding this state's laws and rules regulating the practice of
23 veterinary medicine; and

24 (e) Provides other information and verification required by the
25 board.

26 (2) A veterinarian licensed to practice specialized veterinary
27 medicine shall not practice outside his or her licensed specialty
28 unless he or she meets licensing requirements established for

1 practicing veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry under RCW
2 18.92.070 and 18.92.100.

3 (3) The board shall determine by rule the limits of the practice of
4 veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry represented by a license to
5 practice specialized veterinary medicine.

6 (4) The board may deny, revoke, suspend, or modify a license to
7 practice specialized veterinary medicine if the national specialty
8 board or college certifying the licensee denies, revokes, suspends,
9 modifies, withdraws, or otherwise limits the certification or if the
10 certification expires.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.92.145 and 1985 c 7 s 73 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 The (~~director~~) secretary shall determine the fees, as provided in
14 RCW (~~43.24.086~~) 43.70.250, for the issuance, renewal, or
15 administration of the following licenses, certificates of registration,
16 permits, duplicate licenses, renewals, or examination:

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

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

21 (3) For a certificate of registration as an animal technician;

22 (4) For a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine,
23 surgery, and dentistry. The temporary permit fee shall be accompanied
24 by the full amount of the examination fee;

25 (5) For a license to practice specialized veterinary medicine.