

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2509

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As Passed House  
February 4, 1994

**Title:** An act relating to the use of examinations in the credentialing of health professionals.

**Brief Description:** Modifying credentialing of health professionals.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Dellwo, Dyer and L. Johnson; by request of Department of Health.

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Health Care, January 25, 1994, DP;  
Passed House, February 4, 1994, 91-0.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 16 members: Representatives Dellwo, Chair; L. Johnson, Vice Chair; Dyer, Ranking Minority Member; Ballasiotes, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appelwick; Backlund; Conway; Cooke; Flemming; R. Johnson; Lemmon; Lisk; Mastin; Morris; Thibaudeau and Veloria.

**Staff:** John Welsh (786-7133).

**Background:** The authority of the examining boards that examine applicants for licensure as veterinarians, optometrists, and chiropractors to utilize national or regional examinations is unclear.

**Summary of Bill:** The state Veterinary Board of Governors, Optometry Board, and Board of Chiropractic Examiners is authorized to develop and administer, or approve licensure examinations.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** These changes allow the professional boards the flexibility to utilize national examinations.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Don Williams and Steve Boruchowitz, Department of Health (pro).