

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2509

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.

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).