

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**ESB 5367**

**AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 25, 1993**

**Brief Description:** Regulating veterinary medication clerks.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Hargrove, L. Smith, M. Rasmussen, Bauer, Newhouse, Loveland and Anderson

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators M. Rasmussen, Chairman; Loveland, Vice Chairman; Anderson, Barr, Bauer, Newhouse, and Snyder.

**Staff:** Bob Lee (786-7404)

**Hearing Dates:** February 1, 1993; February 4, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, only a licensed veterinarian may dispense drugs from veterinary clinics.

An animal technician is a person who has completed an examination administered by the board and who meets certain statutory requirements.

**SUMMARY:**

"Veterinary medication clerk" is defined as a person who has completed a board-approved training program developed in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy for the dispensing of legend and nonlegend drugs associated with the practice of veterinary medicine.

Procedures are established whereby drugs prescribed by a veterinarian may be dispensed by other trained persons in a veterinary clinic.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

A properly trained technician should be allowed to dispense prescription drugs to customers when the veterinarian is out on call or involved with procedures at the clinic.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** PRO: Greg Hanon, Washington State Veterinary Association; Dr. Reilly Glore; Dr. Paul Mabry; Doyle Montgomery, Veterinary Board; Don Williams, Pharmacy Board; Dr. Robert Mead, State Veterinarian, WSDA