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By Representatives Dellwo, Dyer and Morris; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to the implementation of the 1993-95 health  
2 personnel resource plan; amending RCW 18.92.030, 18.92.100, and  
3 18.54.070; and adding a new section to chapter 70.185 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.92.030 and 1986 c 259 s 140 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 It shall be the duty of the board to (~~prepare examination~~  
8 ~~questions, conduct examinations, and grade the answers of applicants~~)  
9 develop and administer or approve licensure examinations. The board,  
10 pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, shall have the power to adopt such rules  
11 and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this  
12 chapter including the performance of the duties and responsibilities of  
13 animal technicians: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That such rules are adopted in  
14 the interest of good veterinary health care delivery to the consuming  
15 public, and do not prevent animal technicians from inoculating an  
16 animal. The board shall further have the power to adopt, by reasonable  
17 rules and regulations, standards prescribing requirements for  
18 veterinary medical facilities and to fix minimum standards of  
19 continuing veterinary medical education.

1 The department shall be the official office of record.

2 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.92.100 and 1991 c 3 s 243 are each amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 Examinations for license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery  
5 and dentistry shall be held at least once each year at such times and  
6 places as the secretary may authorize and direct. Said examination,  
7 ~~((which shall be conducted in the English language))~~ shall be~~(, in~~  
8 ~~whole or in part, in writing))~~ on ~~((the following))~~ subjects~~((:~~  
9 ~~Veterinary anatomy, surgery, obstetrics, pathology, chemistry, hygiene,~~  
10 ~~veterinary diagnosis, materia medica, therapeutics, parasitology,~~  
11 ~~physiology, sanitary medicine, and such other subjects which are~~  
12 ~~ordinarily included in the curricula of veterinary colleges,))~~ as the  
13 board may prescribe. All examinees shall be tested by written  
14 examination, supplemented by such oral interviews and practical  
15 demonstrations as the board deems necessary. ~~((The board may accept~~  
16 ~~the examinee's results on the National Board of Veterinary Examiners in~~  
17 ~~lieu of the written portion of the state examination.))~~

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.54.070 and 1991 c 3 s 140 are each amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 The board has the following powers and duties:

21 (1) ~~((The board shall prepare the necessary lists of examination~~  
22 ~~questions, conduct examinations, either written or oral or partly~~  
23 ~~written and partly oral, and shall certify to the secretary of health~~  
24 ~~all lists, signed by all members conducting the examination, of all~~  
25 ~~applicants for licenses who have successfully passed the examination~~  
26 ~~and a separate list of all applicants for licenses who have failed to~~  
27 ~~pass the examination, together with a copy of all examination questions~~  
28 ~~used, and the written answers to questions on written examinations~~  
29 ~~submitted by each of the applicants))~~ To prepare and administer or  
30 approve for administration, or both, a licensure examination in the  
31 subjects determined by the board to be essential to the practice of  
32 optometry.

33 (2) The board shall adopt rules and regulations to promote safety,  
34 protection and the welfare of the public, to carry out the purposes of  
35 this chapter, to aid the board in the performance of its powers and  
36 duties, and to govern the practice of optometry.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    A new section is added to chapter 70.185 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The department may develop a mechanism for underserved rural or  
4 urban communities to contract with education and training programs for  
5 student positions above the full time equivalent lids.    The goal of  
6 this program is to provide additional capacity, educating students who  
7 will practice in underserved communities.

8        (2) Eligible education and training programs are those programs  
9 approved by the department that lead to eligibility for a credential as  
10 a credentialed health care professional.    Eligible professions are  
11 those licensed under chapters 18.57, 18.57A, 18.71, and 18.71A RCW and  
12 advanced registered nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives  
13 licensed under chapter 18.88 RCW, and may include other providers  
14 identified as needed in the health personnel resource plan.

15        (3) Students participating in the community contracted educational  
16 positions shall meet all applicable educational program requirements  
17 and provide assurances, acceptable to the community, that they will  
18 practice in the sponsoring community following completion of education  
19 and necessary licensure.

20        (4) Participants in the program incur an obligation to repay any  
21 contracted funds with interest set by state law, unless they serve at  
22 least three years in the sponsoring community.

23        (5) The department may provide funds to communities for use in  
24 contracting.

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