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By House Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Finn, Crouse, Green, Lias, Springer, O'Brien, Goodman, Morris, Ormsby, Blake, Van De Wege, Moeller, Cody, Conway, Hurst, Walsh, McCune, Hinkle, Nelson, and Kenney)

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1 AN ACT Relating to dispensing and administration of drugs by
2 registered or licensed veterinary personnel; and amending RCW
3 18.92.013.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.92.013 and 2007 c 235 s 5 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) A veterinarian legally prescribing drugs may delegate to a
8 registered veterinary medication clerk (~~(or a licensed veterinary~~
9 ~~technician)~~), while under the veterinarian's direct supervision,
10 certain nondiscretionary functions defined by the board and used in the
11 (~~dispensing~~) preparing of legend and nonlegend drugs (except
12 controlled substances as defined in or under chapter 69.50 RCW)
13 associated with the practice of veterinary medicine. A veterinarian
14 legally prescribing drugs may delegate to a licensed veterinary
15 technician, while under the veterinarian's indirect supervision,
16 certain nondiscretionary functions defined by the board and used in the
17 preparing of legend drugs, nonlegend drugs, and controlled substances
18 associated with the practice of veterinary medicine. Upon final
19 approval of the packaged prescription following a direct physical

1 inspection of the packaged prescription for proper formulation,
2 packaging, and labeling by the veterinarian, the veterinarian may
3 delegate the delivery of the prescription to a registered veterinary
4 medication clerk or licensed veterinary technician, while under the
5 veterinarian's indirect supervision. Dispensing of drugs by
6 veterinarians, licensed veterinary technicians, and registered
7 veterinary medication clerks shall meet the applicable requirements of
8 chapters 18.64, 69.40, 69.41, and 69.50 RCW and is subject to
9 inspection by the board of pharmacy investigators.

10 (2) A licensed veterinary technician may administer legend drugs
11 under chapter 69.41 RCW and controlled substances under chapter 69.50
12 RCW under indirect supervision of a veterinarian.

13 (3) For the purposes of this section:

14 (a) "Direct supervision" means the veterinarian is on the premises
15 and is quickly and easily available; and

16 (b) "Indirect supervision" means the veterinarian is not on the
17 premises but has given written or oral instructions for the delegated
18 task.

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