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By House Committee on Agriculture & Rural Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Day, Moyer, Zellinsky and Rasmussen; by request of Department of Health).

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1 AN ACT Relating to veterinary medicine; amending RCW 18.92.015 and
2 18.92.145; and adding a new section to chapter 18.92 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.92.015 and 1983 c 102 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 ~~((The term))~~ Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the
7 definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 "Animal technician" means a person who has successfully completed
9 an examination administered by the board and who has either
10 successfully completed a post high school course approved by the board
11 in the care and treatment of animals or had five years' practical
12 experience, acceptable to the board, with a licensed veterinarian.

13 "Board" ((used in this chapter shall)) means the Washington state
14 veterinary board of governors(~~(; and the term "director" shall)~~).

15 "Department" means the department of health.

1 "Secretary" means the ~~((director of licensing of the state of~~
2 ~~Washington))~~ secretary of the department of health.

3 ~~(("Animal technician" shall mean a person who has successfully~~
4 ~~completed an examination administered by the board and who has either~~
5 ~~successfully completed a post high school course approved by the board~~
6 ~~in the care and treatment of animals, or a person who has had five~~
7 ~~years practical experience acceptable to the board with a licensed~~
8 ~~veterinarian.))~~

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.92 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) The department may issue a license to practice specialized
12 veterinary medicine in this state to a veterinarian who:

13 (a) Submits an application on a form provided by the secretary for
14 a license in a specialty area recognized by the board by rule;

15 (b) Holds a current certification as a diplomate of a national
16 specialty board or college recognized by the board by rule in the
17 specialty area for which application is submitted;

18 (c) Is not subject to license investigation, suspension,
19 revocation, or other disciplinary action in any state, United States
20 territory, or province of Canada;

21 (d) Has successfully completed an examination established by the
22 board regarding this state's laws and rules regulating the practice of
23 veterinary medicine; and

24 (e) Provides other information and verification required by the
25 board.

26 (2) The board shall determine by rule the limits of the practice of
27 veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry represented by a license to
28 practice specialized veterinary medicine.

1 (3) The board may deny, revoke, suspend, or modify a license to
2 practice specialized veterinary medicine if the national specialty
3 board or college certifying the licensee denies, revokes, suspends,
4 modifies, withdraws, or otherwise limits the certification or if the
5 certification expires.

6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.92.145 and 1985 c 7 s 73 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The (~~director~~) secretary shall determine the fees, as provided in
9 RCW (~~43.24.086~~) 43.70.250, for the issuance, renewal, or
10 administration of the following licenses, certificates of registration,
11 permits, duplicate licenses, renewals, or examination:

12 (1) For a license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and
13 dentistry issued upon an examination given by the examining board;

14 (2) For a license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and
15 dentistry issued upon the basis of a license issued in another state;

16 (3) For a certificate of registration as an animal technician;

17 (4) For a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine,
18 surgery, and dentistry. The temporary permit fee shall be accompanied
19 by the full amount of the examination fee;

20 (5) For a license to practice specialized veterinary medicine.