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By Senators Talmadge, Moyer and McAuliffe; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of examinations in the credentialing of  
2 health professionals; and amending RCW 18.92.030, 18.92.100, 18.54.070,  
3 18.53.060, and 18.25.030.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.92.030 and 1993 c 78 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 The board shall ~~((prepare examination questions, conduct~~  
8 ~~examinations, and grade the answers of applicants))~~ develop and  
9 administer, or approve, or both, a licensure examination in the  
10 subjects determined by the board to be essential to the practice of  
11 veterinary medicine. The board, under chapter 34.05 RCW, may adopt  
12 rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including  
13 the performance of the duties and responsibilities of animal  
14 technicians and veterinary medication clerks. The rules shall be  
15 adopted in the interest of good veterinary health care delivery to the  
16 consuming public and shall not prevent animal technicians from  
17 inoculating an animal. The board also has the power to adopt by rule  
18 standards prescribing requirements for veterinary medical facilities  
19 and fixing minimum standards of continuing veterinary medical education.

1 The department is 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)) The  
7 examination(~~(, which shall be conducted in the English language)~~) shall  
8 be(~~(, in whole or in part, in writing)~~) on ~~((the following))~~  
9 subjects(~~(:— Veterinary anatomy, surgery, obstetrics, pathology,~~  
10 ~~chemistry, hygiene, veterinary diagnosis, materia medica, therapeutics,~~  
11 ~~parasitology, physiology, sanitary medicine, and such other subjects~~  
12 ~~which)) that are ordinarily included in the curricula of veterinary  
13 colleges(~~(, as the board may prescribe)~~). All examinees shall be  
14 tested by written examination, supplemented by such oral interviews and  
15 practical demonstrations as the board deems necessary. ~~((The board may~~  
16 ~~accept the examinee's results on the National Board of Veterinary~~  
17 ~~Examiners in 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 develop and administer, or  
30 approve, or both, a licensure examination in the subjects determined by  
31 the board to be essential to the practice of optometry.~~

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

1       **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.53.060 and 1991 c 3 s 135 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       From and after January 1, 1940, in order to be eligible for  
4 examination for registration, a person shall be a citizen of the United  
5 States of America, who shall have a preliminary education of or equal  
6 to four years in a state accredited high school and has completed a  
7 full attendance course in a regularly chartered school of optometry  
8 maintaining a standard which is deemed sufficient and satisfactory by  
9 the optometry board, who is a person of good moral character, who is  
10 not afflicted with any contagious or infectious disease, who has a  
11 visual acuity in at least one eye, of a standard known as 20/40 under  
12 correction: PROVIDED, That from and after January 1, 1975, in order to  
13 be eligible for examination for a license, a person shall have the  
14 following qualifications:

15       (1) Be a graduate of a state accredited high school or its  
16 equivalent;

17       (2) Have a diploma or other certificate of completion from an  
18 accredited college of optometry or school of optometry, maintaining a  
19 standard which is deemed sufficient and satisfactory by the optometry  
20 board, conferring its degree of doctor of optometry or its equivalent,  
21 maintaining a course of four scholastic years in addition to  
22 preprofessional college level studies, and teaching substantially all  
23 of the following subjects: General anatomy, anatomy of the eyes,  
24 physiology, physics, chemistry, pharmacology, biology, bacteriology,  
25 general pathology, ocular pathology, ocular neurology, ocular myology,  
26 psychology, physiological optics, optometrical mechanics, clinical  
27 optometry, visual field charting and orthoptics, general laws of optics  
28 and refraction and use of the ophthalmoscope, retinoscope and other  
29 clinical instruments necessary in the practice of optometry;

30       (3) Be of good moral character; and

31       (4) Have no contagious or infectious disease.

32       Such person shall file an application for an examination and  
33 license with said board at any time thirty days prior to the time fixed  
34 for such examination, or at a later date if approved by the board, and  
35 such application must be on forms approved by the board, and properly  
36 attested, and if found to be in accordance with the provisions of this  
37 chapter shall entitle the applicant upon payment of the proper fee, to  
38 take the examination prescribed by the board. Such examination shall  
39 not be out of keeping with the established teachings and adopted

1 textbooks of the recognized schools of optometry, and shall be confined  
2 to such subjects and practices as are recognized as essential to the  
3 practice of optometry. All candidates without discrimination, who  
4 shall successfully pass the prescribed examination, shall be registered  
5 by the board and shall, upon payment of the proper fee, be issued a  
6 license. (~~The optometry board, at its discretion, may waive all or a~~  
7 ~~portion of the written examination for any applicant who has~~  
8 ~~satisfactorily passed the examination given by the National Board of~~  
9 ~~Examiners in Optometry.)) Any license to practice optometry in this  
10 state issued by the secretary, and which shall be in full force and  
11 effect at the time of passage of this 1975 amendatory act, shall be  
12 continued.~~

13 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.25.030 and 1989 c 258 s 4 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 Examinations for license to practice chiropractic shall be ((made))  
16 developed and administered, or approved, or both by the board of  
17 chiropractic examiners according to the method deemed by it to be the  
18 most practicable and expeditious to test the applicant's  
19 qualifications. Such application shall be designated by a number  
20 instead of his or her name, so that the identity shall not be  
21 discovered or disclosed to the members of the examining committee until  
22 after the examination papers are graded.

23 All examinations shall be in whole or in part in writing, the  
24 subject of which shall be as follows: Anatomy, physiology, spinal  
25 anatomy, microbiology-public health, general diagnosis,  
26 neuromuscularskeletal diagnosis, x-ray, principles of chiropractic and  
27 adjusting, as taught by chiropractic schools and colleges. The board  
28 (~~shall~~) may administer a practical examination to applicants which  
29 shall consist of diagnosis, principles and practice, x-ray, and  
30 adjustive technique consistent with chapter 18.25 RCW. (~~A license~~  
31 ~~shall be granted to all applicants whose score over each subject tested~~  
32 ~~is seventy five percent.)) The board shall set the standards for  
33 passing the examination. The board may enact additional requirements  
34 for testing administered by the national board of chiropractic  
35 examiners.~~

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