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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer, Backlund, Morris, Johnson, Campbell, Cooke, Skinner, Chandler, Casada, Schoesler, Boldt, Mulliken, Huff, Mitchell, Thompson, Foreman, Robertson, Buck, Clements, Smith, Delvin, Carrell, Mielke and Sheahan)

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1 AN ACT Relating to veterinary practice; and amending RCW 18.92.010
2 and 18.92.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.92.010 and 1959 c 92 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Any person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary medicine,
7 surgery and dentistry within the meaning of this chapter who shall,
8 within this state, (1) by advertisement, or by any notice, sign, or
9 other indication, or by a statement written, printed or oral, in public
10 or private, made, done, or procured by himself or herself, or any
11 other, at his or her request, for him or her, represent, claim,
12 announce, make known or pretend his or her ability or willingness to
13 diagnose or prognose or treat diseases, deformities, defects, wounds,
14 or injuries of animals; (2) or who shall so advertise, make known,
15 represent or claim his or her ability and willingness to prescribe or
16 administer any drug, medicine, treatment, method or practice, or to
17 perform any operation, manipulation, or apply any apparatus or
18 appliance for cure, amelioration, correction or reduction or
19 modification of any animal disease, deformity, defect, wound or injury,

1 for hire, fee, compensation, or reward, promised, offered, expected,
2 received, or accepted directly or indirectly; (3) or who shall within
3 this state diagnose or prognose any animal diseases, deformities,
4 defects, wounds or injuries, for hire, fee, reward, or compensation
5 promised, offered, expected, received, or accepted directly or
6 indirectly; (4) or who shall within this state prescribe or administer
7 any drug, medicine, treatment, method or practice, or perform any
8 operation, or manipulation, or apply any apparatus or appliance for the
9 cure, amelioration, alleviation, correction, or modification of any
10 animal disease, deformity, defect, wound, or injury, for hire, fee,
11 compensation, or reward, promised, offered, expected, received or
12 accepted directly or indirectly; (5) or who performs any manual
13 procedure for the diagnosis of pregnancy, sterility, or infertility
14 upon livestock; (6) or who implants any electronic device for the
15 purpose of establishing or maintaining positive identification of
16 animals.

17 The opening of an office or place of business for the practice of
18 veterinary medicine, the use of a sign, card, device or advertisement
19 as a practitioner of veterinary medicine or as a person skilled in such
20 practice shall be prima facie evidence of engaging in the practice of
21 veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.92.060 and 1993 c 78 s 4 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 Nothing in this chapter applies to:

25 (1) Commissioned veterinarians in the United States military
26 services or veterinarians employed by Washington state and federal
27 agencies while performing official duties;

28 (2) A person practicing veterinary medicine upon his or her own
29 animal;

30 (3) A person advising with respect to or performing the castrating
31 and dehorning of cattle, castrating and docking of sheep, castrating of
32 swine, caponizing of poultry, or artificial insemination of animals;

33 (4)(a) A person who is a regularly enrolled student in a veterinary
34 school or training course approved under RCW 18.92.015 and performing
35 duties or actions assigned by his or her instructors or working under
36 the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian during a school
37 vacation period or (b) a person performing assigned duties under the

1 supervision of a veterinarian within the established framework of an
2 internship program recognized by the board;

3 (5) A veterinarian regularly licensed in another state consulting
4 with a licensed veterinarian in this state;

5 (6) An animal technician or veterinary medication clerk acting
6 under the supervision and control of a licensed veterinarian. The
7 practice of an animal technician or veterinary medication clerk is
8 limited to the performance of services which are authorized by the
9 board;

10 (7) An owner being assisted in practice by his or her employees
11 when employed in the conduct of the owner's business;

12 (8) An owner being assisted in practice by some other person
13 gratuitously;

14 (9) The implanting of any electronic device for identifying animals
15 by established humane societies and animal control organizations that
16 provide appropriate training, as determined by the veterinary board of
17 governors, and/or direct or indirect supervision by a licensed
18 veterinarian.

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