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CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6187** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

**Secretary**

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By Senators Shin, Rasmussen, Schoesler, Morton, Murray, and Kohl-  
Welles

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1            AN ACT Relating to conditional scholarships for food animal  
2 veterinarians; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040; adding a new  
3 chapter to Title 28B RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a  
6 critical shortage of food animal veterinarians particularly in rural  
7 areas of the state. The legislature finds that among the factors  
8 contributing to this shortage is the need to repay student loans that  
9 are taken out to pay for an extensive and high-cost education. To pay  
10 these student loans, licensed graduates currently find it necessary to  
11 take higher paying positions that provide service to companion and  
12 small animals.

13            The legislature finds that the livestock industry provides a  
14 critical component of the food supply. Providing adequate animal  
15 health and disease diagnostic services is of high importance not only  
16 to protect animal health, but also for the protection of our food  
17 supply, the protection of public health from potential effects of  
18 contagious diseases, and to provide an essential disease detection and  
19 response capability.

1       The legislature intends to increase the supply of food animal  
2 veterinarians by providing incentives to graduates of Washington State  
3 University college of veterinary medicine to focus on food animal  
4 health services to address this critical shortage.

5       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply  
6 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7       (1) "College" means the Washington State University college of  
8 veterinary medicine.

9       (2) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in  
10 whole or in part if the recipient renders service as a food animal  
11 veterinarian in this state.

12       (3) "Eligible student" means a student who is registered for at  
13 least six credit hours or the equivalent, is making satisfactory  
14 academic progress as defined by the college, has declared veterinary  
15 medicine for his or her major, and has a declared intention to practice  
16 veterinary medicine with an emphasis in food animal medicine in the  
17 state of Washington.

18       (4) "Food animal" means any species commonly recognized as  
19 livestock including, but not limited to, poultry, cattle, swine, and  
20 sheep.

21       (5) "Food animal veterinarian" means a veterinarian licensed and  
22 registered under chapter 18.92 RCW and engaged in general and food  
23 animal practice as a primary specialty, who has at least fifty percent  
24 of his or her practice time devoted to large production animal  
25 veterinary practice.

26       (6) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means to practice  
27 veterinary medicine with an emphasis in food animal medicine in the  
28 state of Washington in lieu of monetary repayment.

29       (7) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a  
30 conditional scholarship under this chapter.

31       (8) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

32       (9) "University" means Washington State University.

33       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.** The food animal veterinarian conditional  
34 scholarship program is established. The program shall be administered  
35 by the university. In administering the program, the university has  
36 the following powers and duties:

- 1 (1) To select, in consultation with the college, up to two students
- 2 each year to receive conditional scholarships;
- 3 (2) To adopt necessary rules and guidelines;
- 4 (3) To publicize the program;
- 5 (4) To collect and manage repayments from students who do not meet
- 6 their obligations under this chapter; and
- 7 (5) To solicit and accept grants and donations from public and
- 8 private sources for the program.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The university shall select participants

10 based on an application process conducted by the university.

11 (2) The university shall establish a selection committee for

12 screening and selecting recipients of the conditional scholarships.

13 The selection committee shall include at least two representatives from

14 the college, at least one of whom is a faculty member teaching in food

15 animal veterinary medicine, and at least one representative from the

16 beef, dairy, or sheep industry.

17 (3) The selection criteria shall emphasize factors demonstrating a

18 sustained interest in food animals and serving the needs of

19 Washington's agricultural communities. The criteria shall also take

20 into account the need for food animal veterinarians in diverse areas of

21 the state and allocate funds in a manner designed to represent a

22 cross-section of geographic locations.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** To remain an eligible student and receive

24 continuing disbursements under the program, a participant must be

25 considered by the college to be making satisfactory academic progress.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The university may award conditional

27 scholarships to eligible students from the funds appropriated to the

28 university for this purpose, or from any private donations, or any

29 other funds given to the university for this program. The amount of

30 the conditional scholarship awarded an individual may not exceed the

31 amount of resident tuition and fees at the college, as well as the cost

32 of room, board, laboratory fees and supplies, and books, incurred by an

33 eligible student and approved by a financial aid administrator at the

34 university. Participants are eligible to receive conditional

35 scholarships for a maximum of five years.

1           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 7.** (1) A participant in the conditional  
2 scholarship program incurs an obligation to repay the conditional  
3 scholarship, with interest, unless he or she is employed as a food  
4 animal veterinarian in Washington state for each year of scholarship  
5 received, under rules adopted by the university.

6           (2) The interest rate shall be determined annually by the  
7 university.

8           (3) The minimum payment shall be set by the university. The  
9 maximum period for repayment is ten years, with payments of principal  
10 and interest accruing quarterly commencing six months from the date the  
11 participant completes or discontinues the course of study, including  
12 any internship or residency in food animal medicine and surgery.  
13 Provisions for deferral of payment shall be determined by the  
14 university.

15           (4) The entire principal and interest of each payment shall be  
16 forgiven for each payment period in which the participant is employed  
17 as a food animal veterinarian in this state until the entire repayment  
18 obligation is satisfied. Should the participant cease to be employed  
19 as a food animal veterinarian in this state before the participant's  
20 repayment obligation is completed, payments on the unsatisfied portion  
21 of the principal and interest shall begin the next payment period and  
22 continue until the remainder of the participant's repayment obligation  
23 is satisfied.

24           (5) The university is responsible for collection of repayments made  
25 under this section and shall exercise due diligence in such collection,  
26 maintaining all necessary records to ensure that maximum repayments are  
27 made. Collection and servicing of repayments under this section shall  
28 be pursued using the full extent of the law, including wage garnishment  
29 if necessary. The university is responsible to forgive all or parts of  
30 such repayments under the criteria established in this section and  
31 shall maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

32           (6) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any other  
33 subsidies to which the university as administrator is entitled, that  
34 are paid by or on behalf of participants under this section, shall be  
35 deposited in the food animal veterinarian conditional scholarship  
36 account and shall be used to cover the costs of granting the  
37 conditional scholarships, maintaining necessary records, and making  
38 collections under subsection (5) of this section. The university shall

1 maintain accurate records of these costs, and all receipts beyond those  
2 necessary to pay such costs shall be used to grant conditional  
3 scholarships to eligible students.

4 (7) The university shall adopt rules to define the terms of  
5 repayment, including applicable interest rates, fees, and deferments.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** (1) The food animal veterinarian conditional  
7 scholarship account is created in the custody of the state treasurer.  
8 No appropriation is required for expenditures of funds from the  
9 account. The account is not subject to allotment procedures under  
10 chapter 43.88 RCW except for moneys used for program administration.

11 (2) The university shall deposit into the account all moneys  
12 received for the program. The account shall be self-sustaining and  
13 consist of funds appropriated by the legislature for the food animal  
14 veterinarian conditional scholarship program, private contributions to  
15 the program, and receipts from participant repayments.

16 (3) Expenditures from the account may be used solely for  
17 conditional scholarships to participants in the program established by  
18 this chapter and costs associated with program administration by the  
19 university.

20 (4) Disbursements from the account may be made only on the  
21 authorization of the university.

22 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2007 c 523 s 5, 2007 c 357 s 21, and  
23 2007 c 214 s 14 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

24 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested,  
25 and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080  
26 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the  
27 state treasury.

28 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust  
29 fund shall be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be  
30 known as the investment income account.

31 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment  
32 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds  
33 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and  
34 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state  
35 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to

1 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to  
2 financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of  
3 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

4 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings  
5 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund  
6 except under (b) and (c) of this subsection.

7 (b) The following accounts and funds shall receive their  
8 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's  
9 average daily balance for the period: The Washington promise  
10 scholarship account, the college savings program account, the  
11 Washington advanced college tuition payment program account, the  
12 agricultural local fund, the American Indian scholarship endowment  
13 fund, the foster care scholarship endowment fund, the foster care  
14 endowed scholarship trust fund, the students with dependents grant  
15 account, the basic health plan self-insurance reserve account, the  
16 contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state combined  
17 fund drive account, the commemorative works account, the Washington  
18 international exchange scholarship endowment fund, the developmental  
19 disabilities endowment trust fund, the energy account, the fair fund,  
20 the family leave insurance account, the food animal veterinarian  
21 conditional scholarship account, the fruit and vegetable inspection  
22 account, the future teachers conditional scholarship account, the game  
23 farm alternative account, the GET ready for math and science  
24 scholarship account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the juvenile  
25 accountability incentive account, the law enforcement officers' and  
26 fire fighters' plan 2 expense fund, the local tourism promotion  
27 account, the produce railcar pool account, the regional transportation  
28 investment district account, the rural rehabilitation account, the  
29 stadium and exhibition center account, the youth athletic facility  
30 account, the self-insurance revolving fund, the sulfur dioxide  
31 abatement account, the children's trust fund, the Washington horse  
32 racing commission Washington bred owners' bonus fund account, the  
33 Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account, the  
34 individual development account program account, the Washington horse  
35 racing commission operating account (earnings from the Washington horse  
36 racing commission operating account must be credited to the Washington  
37 horse racing commission class C purse fund account), the life sciences  
38 discovery fund, the Washington state heritage center account, and the

1 reading achievement account. However, the earnings to be distributed  
2 shall first be reduced by the allocation to the state treasurer's  
3 service fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190.

4 (c) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent  
5 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or  
6 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right of way  
7 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving  
8 account, the city and county advance right-of-way revolving fund, the  
9 federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high occupancy vehicle  
10 account, the local rail service assistance account, and the  
11 miscellaneous transportation programs account.

12 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
13 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings  
14 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Sections 1 through 8 of this act constitute  
16 a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
18 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
19 provided by June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act  
20 is null and void.

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