
SENATE BILL 5381

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By Senators West, Gaspard, Bailey, Hansen, Bauer and L. Smith.

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1 AN ACT Relating to veterinary medicine; and amending RCW 18.92.010.

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

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

5 Any person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary medicine,
6 surgery and dentistry within the meaning of this chapter who shall,
7 within this state, (1) by advertisement, or by any notice, sign, or
8 other indication, or by a statement written, printed or oral, in public
9 or private, made, done, or procured by himself or herself, or any
10 other, at his or her request, for him or her, represent, claim,
11 announce, make known or pretend his or her ability or willingness to
12 diagnose or prognose or treat diseases, deformities, defects, wounds,
13 or injuries of animals; (2) or who shall so advertise, make known,
14 represent or claim his or her ability and willingness to prescribe or

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

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

24 Veterinarians licensed pursuant to this chapter have the authority
25 to dispense veterinary legend drugs prescribed by another veterinarian
26 licensed under chapter 18.92 RCW provided that the dispensing of such
27 veterinary legend drugs does not constitute more than five percent of
28 the dosage units dispensed annually by the veterinarian and the
29 dispensing veterinarian maintains records of such dispensing activities
30 consistent with the requirements of chapters 18.64, 69.04, 69.41, and

1 69.50 RCW.