

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2509

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES,
FEBRUARY 17, 1994

Brief Description: Modifying credentialing of health professionals.

SPONSORS: Representatives Dellwo, Dyer and L. Johnson; by request of Department of Health

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Talmadge, Chairman; Deccio, Franklin, Fraser, Hargrove, McDonald, Moyer, Niemi, Prentice and Winsley.

Staff: Rhoda Jones (786-7198)

Hearing Dates: February 16, 1994; February 17, 1994

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the laws governing examinations for veterinarians, optometrists and chiropractors can be interpreted to require these professions individually prepare, conduct and grade examinations.

SUMMARY:

Language governing examinations for veterinarians, optometrists and chiropractors is changed, permitting the use of national exams by the boards of these professions. National exams are being used now, but this revision in statutory language clarifies their ability to do so.

There is a trend in these professions away from producing local exams because national associations have greater resources than states to provide valid, well-documented and defensible exams. Further, these help facilitate transfer of licensees between states.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR: None

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: No one