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SENATE BILL 5576

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By Senators West and Niemi; by request of Department of Health.

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1            AN ACT Relating to veterinary medicine; amending RCW 18.92.015 and  
2 18.92.145; and adding a new section to chapter 18.92 RCW.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.92.015 and 1983 c 102 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            ~~((The term))~~ Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the  
7 definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

8            "Animal technician" means a person who has successfully completed  
9 an examination administered by the board and who has either  
10 successfully completed a post high school course approved by the board  
11 in the care and treatment of animals or had five years' practical  
12 experience, acceptable to the board, with a licensed veterinarian.

13            "Board" ((used in this chapter shall)) means the Washington state  
14 veterinary board of governors(~~(; and the term "director" shall)~~).

15            "Department" means the department of health.

1        "Secretary" means the ~~((director of licensing of the state of~~  
2 ~~Washington))~~ secretary of the department of health.

3        ~~(("Animal technician" shall mean a person who has successfully~~  
4 ~~completed an examination administered by the board and who has either~~  
5 ~~successfully completed a post high school course approved by the board~~  
6 ~~in the care and treatment of animals, or a person who has had five~~  
7 ~~years practical experience acceptable to the board with a licensed~~  
8 ~~veterinarian.))~~

9        NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.92 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11        (1) The department may issue a license to practice specialized  
12 veterinary medicine in this state to a veterinarian who:

13        (a) Submits an application on a form provided by the secretary for  
14 a license in a specialty area recognized by the board by rule;

15        (b) Holds a current certification as a diplomate of a national  
16 specialty board or college recognized by the board by rule in the  
17 specialty area for which application is submitted;

18        (c) Is not subject to license investigation, suspension,  
19 revocation, or other disciplinary action in any state, United States  
20 territory, or province of Canada;

21        (d) Has successfully completed the Washington state jurisprudence  
22 examination; and

23        (e) Provides other information and verification required by the  
24 board.

25        (2) A veterinarian licensed to practice specialized veterinary  
26 medicine shall not practice outside his or her licensed specialty  
27 unless he or she meets licensing requirements established for  
28 practicing veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry under RCW  
29 18.92.070 and 18.92.100.

1 (3) The board may deny, revoke, suspend, or modify a license to  
2 practice specialized veterinary medicine if the national specialty  
3 board or college certifying the licensee denies, revokes, suspends,  
4 modifies, withdraws, or otherwise limits the certification or if the  
5 certification expires.

6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.92.145 and 1985 c 7 s 73 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 The ((director)) secretary shall determine the fees, as provided in  
9 RCW ((43.24.086)) 43.70.250, for the issuance, renewal, or  
10 administration of the following licenses, certificates of registration,  
11 permits, duplicate licenses, renewals, or examination:

12 (1) For a license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and  
13 dentistry issued upon an examination given by the examining board;

14 (2) For a license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and  
15 dentistry issued upon the basis of a license issued in another state;

16 (3) For a certificate of registration as an animal technician;

17 (4) For a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine,  
18 surgery, and dentistry. The temporary permit fee shall be accompanied  
19 by the full amount of the examination fee;

20 (5) For a license to practice specialized veterinary medicine.