

CHAPTER 50.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 446.]

VETERINARY MEDICINE, SURGERY AND DENTISTRY.

AN ACT relating to veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry; amending section 21, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 2, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.015; amending section 3, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.021; amending section 4, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as last amended by section 2, chapter 157, Laws of 1961, and RCW 18.92.030; amending section 13, chapter 124, Laws of 1907, as last amended by section 5, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.040; amending section 20, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 13, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.060; amending section 7, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 7, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.100; amending section 10, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 8, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.115; amending section 11, chapter 124, Laws of 1907, as last amended by section 9, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.120; amending section 19, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 12, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.145; amending section 13, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 1, chapter 157, Laws of 1961, and RCW 18.92.160; amending section 14, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 11, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.180; repealing section 8, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 and RCW 18.92.110; and repealing section 6, chapter 92, Laws of 1959 and RCW 18.92.155.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 21, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 2, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.015 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.92.015
amended.

The term "board" used in this chapter shall mean the Washington state veterinary board of governors; and the term "director" shall mean the director of motor vehicles of the state of Washington.

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Definitions.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.021 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.92.021
amended.

Veterinary board of governors.

There is created a Washington state veterinary board of governors consisting of five members.

The members shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three or more names approved and submitted by the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association for each position to be filled. At the time of their appointment the members of the board must be actual residents of the state in active practice as licensed practitioners of veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry and must be citizens of the United States. Not more than one member shall be from the same congressional district.

The first members of the board shall be as follows: One member for five, four, three, two and one years respectively. Thereafter the terms shall be for five years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

A member may be appointed to serve a second term, if that term does not run consecutively. Vacancies in the board shall be filled by the governor, the appointee to hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Officers of the board shall be a chairman, who shall be the senior member, and a secretary-treasurer to be chosen by the members of the board.

RCW 18.92.030 amended.

Sec. 3. Section 4, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as last amended by section 2, chapter 157, Laws of 1961, and RCW 18.92.030 are each amended to read as follows:

General duties of board.

It shall be the duty of the board to prepare examination questions, conduct examinations, and grade the answers of applicants. The board shall supervise the conduct of those practicing veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry and shall make such recommendations as it deems necessary to the director in regard to the granting, suspension or revocation of licenses. It shall be the duty of the board to

adopt as the code of ethics for the practice of the veterinary profession in this state, the principles of veterinary medical ethics adopted by the house of delegates of the American veterinary medical association on August 13, 1960.

The board shall have the power to conduct hearings for the revocation or suspension of licenses and shall have the authority to appoint a hearing officer to conduct such hearings.

Sec. 4. Section 13, chapter 124, Laws of 1907, as last amended by section 5, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.040 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.92.040 amended.

Each member of the board shall receive twenty-five dollars per day as compensation for each day spent upon official business of the board, and necessary expenses as provided for state officials and employees generally in chapter 43.03 RCW.

Compensation of members.

Sec. 5. Section 20, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 13, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.060 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.92.060 amended.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to:

Licensing exemptions.

(1) Commissioned veterinarians in the United States army, veterinarians employed by the Animal Disease Eradication Division of the United States Agricultural Research Service, or federal employees performing official duties;

(2) An owner of livestock treating his own animals;

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

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(4) A person who is a regular student in a veterinary school performing duties or actions assigned by his instructors, or working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian during a school vacation period or a person performing assigned duties under supervision of a veterinarian within the established framework of an internship program recognized by the board;

(5) A veterinarian regularly licensed in another state consulting with a licensed veterinarian in this state.

RCW 18.92.100 amended.

Sec. 6. Section 7, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 7, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.100 are each amended to read as follows:

**Examinations
—Regulations.**

Examinations for license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry shall be held at least once each year at such times and places as the director may authorize and direct. Said examination, which shall be conducted in the English language shall be, in whole or in part, in writing on the following subjects: Veterinary anatomy, surgery, obstetrics, pathology, chemistry, hygiene, veterinary diagnosis, materia medica, therapeutics, parasitology, physiology, sanitary medicine, and such other subjects which are ordinarily included in the curricula of veterinary colleges, as the board may prescribe. All examinees shall be tested by written examination, supplemented by such oral interviews and practical demonstrations as the board deems necessary. The board may accept the examinee's results on the National Board of Veterinary Examiners in lieu of the written portion of the state examination.

RCW 18.92.115 amended.

Sec. 7. Section 10, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 8, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.115 are each amended to read as follows:

Any applicant who shall fail to secure the required grade in his first examination may take the next regular veterinary examination. The fee for reexamination shall be twenty-five dollars.

Reexamination.

Sec. 8. Section 11, chapter 124, Laws of 1907, as last amended by section 9, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.120 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.92.120 amended.

Any person who shall make application for examination, as provided by RCW 18.92.070, and who has not previously failed to pass the veterinary examination, and whose application is found satisfactory by the director, may be given a temporary certificate to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry valid only until the results of the next examination for licenses are available. No more than one temporary certificate may be issued to any applicant. Such permittee shall be employed by a licensed veterinary practitioner or by the state of Washington.

License—Temporary certificates—Restrictions.

Sec. 9. Section 19, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 12, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.145 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.92.145 amended.

The following fees shall be charged by the director:

License, permit and annual renewal fees.

(1) For a license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry issued upon an examination given by the examining board, fifty dollars.

(2) For a license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry issued upon the basis of a license issued in another state, one hundred dollars.

(3) For the annual renewal of a license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry, ten dollars.

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(4) For a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry, fifteen dollars. The temporary permit fee shall be accompanied by the full amount of the examination fee of fifty dollars.

RCW 18.92.160 amended.

Sec. 10. Section 13, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 1, chapter 157, Laws of 1961, and RCW 18.92.160 are each amended to read as follows:

Suspension or revocation of licenses—
Grounds.

The license of any person heretofore or hereafter granted to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in this state may be suspended for a certain period of time or revoked by the board for any of the following causes, which shall be deemed to be unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter:

(1) The employment of fraud, misrepresentation or deception in obtaining such license.

(2) Found guilty of a crime involving moral turpitude.

(3) Chronic inebriety or habitual use of drugs.

(4) Fraud in representation as to skill or ability.

(5) Use of untruthful or improbable statements in advertisements, publicity material or interviews.

(6) Distribution of alcohol or drugs for any other than legitimate purposes.

(7) Personation of another licensed practitioner.

(8) Violation or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, any of the provisions of this chapter.

(9) Gross incompetency in the practice of his profession.

(10) Violation of the ethics of the profession. The code of ethics adopted by the board of governors shall be the standard of ethics for the licensed veterinarians of this state.

RCW 18.92.180 amended.

Sec. 11. Section 14, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 11, chapter 92, Laws of 1959,

and RCW 18.92.180 are each amended to read as follows:

Revocation
and suspension
of licenses—
Proceedings.

In all proceedings having for their purpose the revocation or suspension of a license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry, the holder of such license shall be given twenty days notice in writing which shall specify the offense or offenses against this chapter with which said accused person is charged, and said notice shall also give the day and place where the hearing is to be held. The board or its designated hearing officer shall have the power to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses, or the production of books or documents. The accused person shall have opportunity to make his defense, and may have issued such subpoenas as he may desire. Witnesses shall testify under oath. The board or its designated hearing officer shall hear and determine the charges and shall make findings and conclusion upon the evidence produced, and shall file the same in the director's office, together with a transcript of all the evidence, a duplicate copy of which shall be served upon the accused. The revocation or suspension of a license to practice shall be in writing signed by the director, stating the grounds upon which such order is based.

Sec. 12. Section 8, chapter 71, Laws of 1941, and RCW 18.92.110, section 6, chapter 92, Laws of 1959, and RCW 18.92.155 are each hereby repealed.

Repeal.

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Passed the Senate April 5, 1967.

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