

CHAPTER 44
[House Bill No. 385]
VETERINARY MEDICINE—
ANIMAL TECHNICIAN REGULATION

AN ACT Relating to the practice of veterinary medicine; amending section 21, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 50, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.015; amending section 4, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 3, chapter 50, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.030; amending section 13, chapter 124, Laws of 1907 as last amended by section 4, chapter 50, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.040; amending section 20, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 5, chapter 50, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.060; amending section 6, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as amended by section 28, chapter 292, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.070; amending section 13, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 10, chapter 50, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.160; and adding a new section to chapter 18.92 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 21, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 50, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.015 are each amended to read as follows:

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. "Animal technician" shall mean a person who has successfully completed a post high school course approved by the board, in consultation with the coordinating council for occupational education, in the care and treatment of animals, or a person who has had five years practical experience with a licensed veterinarian and who has successfully completed an examination administered by the board.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 3, chapter 50, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.030 are each amended to read as follows:

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)) a code of ethics for the practice of the

veterinary profession in this state((7 the principles of veterinary medical ethics adopted by the house of delegates of the American veterinary medical association on August 13, 1960)). The board, pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW, shall have the power to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this 1974 amendatory act including the performance of the duties and responsibilities of animal technicians: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no animal technician shall be allowed to diagnose, prognose, prescribe or perform surgery, other than inoculations, on any animal. The board shall further have the power to adopt, by reasonable rules and regulations, standards prescribing requirements for veterinary medical facilities and to fix minimum standards of continuing veterinary medical education.

The board may employ a secretary who shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW and whose duties shall include carrying on correspondence of the board, maintaining records of board proceedings, and such other duties as may be assigned from time to time to him by the board. The department shall be the official office of record.

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. 3. Section 13, chapter 124, Laws of 1907 as last amended by section 4, chapter 50, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Each member of the board and secretary shall receive twenty-five dollars per day as compensation for each day spent upon official business of the board, and necessary travel expenses as provided for state officials and employees generally in chapter 43.03 RCW; PROVIDED, That no expense may be incurred by members of the board or secretary except in connection with board meetings without prior approval of the director.

Sec. 4. Section 20, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 5, chapter 50, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.060 are each amended to read as follows:

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to:

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

(2) ((An owner of livestock treating his own animals)) Persons practicing veterinary medicine upon a person's 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;

(4) A person who is a ((regular)) regularly enrolled student in a veterinary school, or regularly enrolled in a training course approved under the provisions of RCW 18.92.015 and while 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;

(6) An animal technician acting under the supervision and control of a licensed veterinarian: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the practice of an animal technician is limited to the performance of those services which are authorized by the board;

(7) An owner being assisted in such practice by his employees when employed in the conduct of such person's business;

(8) An owner being assisted in such practice by some other person gratuitously.

Sec. 5. Section 6, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as amended by section 28, chapter 292, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.070 are each amended to read as follows:

No person, unless registered or licensed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in this state at the time this chapter shall become operative, shall begin the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry without first applying for and obtaining a license for such purpose from the director. In order to procure a license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in the state of Washington, the applicant for such license shall file his application at least ((fifteen)) thirty days prior to date of examination upon a form furnished by the director of motor vehicles, which, in addition to the fee provided by this chapter, shall be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that he is at least eighteen years of age and of good moral character, and by a diploma from some legally chartered veterinary college or veterinary department of any university or agricultural college, recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, evidencing the fact that the applicant has been in actual attendance at the lectures, instruction and examinations for a period of at least four academic years of thirty-two to thirty-six weeks each. Said application shall be signed by the applicant and sworn to by him before some person

authorized to administer oaths. When such application and the accompanying evidence are found satisfactory, the director shall notify the applicant to appear before the board for the next examination: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the director of motor vehicles must deny the application of every applicant who has been guilty of unprofessional conduct within the two years immediately preceding date of application for license.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 18.92 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any veterinarian licensed pursuant to this chapter shall make application to the board to permit him to use the services of an animal technician. Such application shall be accompanied by an annual fee in an amount to be determined by the board, with the approval of the director, and shall set forth such information as the board may require. No veterinarian practicing in this state shall utilize the services of an animal technician without prior approval of the board. Whenever it appears to the board that an animal technician is being utilized in a manner inconsistent with the approval granted, the board may withdraw such approval. In the event a hearing is requested upon the rejection of an application, or upon the withdrawal of an approval, a hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established under RCW 18.92.180.

No veterinarian who uses the services of an animal technician in accordance with and within the terms of any permission granted by the board shall be considered as aiding and abetting any unlicensed person to practice veterinary medicine within the meaning of RCW 18.92.160: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That any such veterinarian shall retain professional and personal responsibility for any act which constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine as defined in this chapter when performed by an animal technician in his employ.

Sec. 7. Section 13, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 10, chapter 50, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.160 are each amended to read as follows:

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, including animal technician application.
- (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 and any rules or regulation promulgated by the board pursuant to RCW 18.92.160 as amended by this 1974 amendatory act.

(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.

(11) Revocation of a license to practice veterinary medicine for cause by another state, territory, or district of the United States on grounds other than nonpayment of registration or license fees.

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CHAPTER 45

[Substitute House Bill No. 671]

BOXING--CHAMPIONSHIP

MATCH EXTENSIONS

AN ACT Relating to boxing; and amending section 14, chapter 184, Laws of 1933 as amended by section 5, chapter 305, Laws of 1959 and RCW 67.08.080.

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

Section 1. Section 14, chapter 184, Laws of 1933 as amended by section 5, chapter 305, Laws of 1959 and RCW 67.08.080 are each amended to read as follows:

No boxing contest or sparring exhibition held in this state whether under the provisions of this chapter or otherwise shall be for more than ten rounds and no one round of any such contest or exhibition shall be for a longer period than three minutes and there shall be not less than one minute intermission between each round. In the event of bouts involving state or regional championships the commission may grant an extension of no more than two additional rounds to allow total bouts of twelve rounds, and in bouts involving national championships the commission may grant an extension of no more than five additional rounds to allow total bouts of fifteen