

ground or grounds. The decision of the superior court may be appealed to the supreme court or the court of appeals.

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CHAPTER 134

[Senate Bill No. 4718]

VETERINARIANS—LICENSURE

AN ACT Relating to veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry; amending section 3, chapter 92, Laws of 1959 as last amended by section 1, chapter 31, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.021; amending section 4, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 23, chapter 67, Laws of 1981 and RCW 18.92.030; amending section 6, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 72, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 18.92.070; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 92, Laws of 1959 as last amended by section 1, chapter 31, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 18.92.021 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is created a Washington state veterinary board of governors consisting of six members, five of whom shall be licensed veterinarians, and one of whom shall be a lay member.

(2) The licensed members shall be appointed by the governor. At the time of their appointment the licensed 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 licensed member shall be from the same congressional district.

The terms of the first licensed 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.

(3) The lay member shall be appointed by the governor for a five year term and until the lay member's successor is appointed.

(4) 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.

(5) 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 from among its members.

(6) Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the board.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 23, chapter 67, Laws of 1981 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 a code of ~~((ethics))~~ professional conduct for the practice of the veterinary profession in this state. 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 chapter including the performance of the duties and responsibilities of animal technicians: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That ~~((no animal technician may diagnose, prognose, prescribe, or perform surgery, other than inoculations, on any animal))~~ such rules are adopted in the interest of good veterinary health care delivery to the consuming public, and do not prevent animal technicians from inoculating an 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 or her 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. Such hearings may be conducted by an administrative law judge appointed under chapter 34.12 RCW.

This section shall take effect July 1, 1982, or on the effective date of this 1982 act, whichever is later.

Sec. 3. Section 6, chapter 71, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 72, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 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 or her application at least ~~((thirty))~~ sixty days prior to date of examination upon a form furnished by the director of licensing, which, in addition to the fee provided by this chapter, shall be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that he or she is at least eighteen years

of age and of good moral character, and by ~~((a diploma from some legally chartered))~~ official transcripts or other evidence of graduation from a 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))~~ satisfactory to and approved by the board. Said application shall be signed by the applicant and sworn to by him or her 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 licensing 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.

Nothing in this chapter shall preclude the board from permitting a person who has completed a portion of his or her educational program as determined by the board, in a veterinary college recognized by the board, to take the examination or any part thereof prior to satisfying the requirements for application for a license: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That no license shall be issued to such applicant until such requirements are satisfied.

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CHAPTER 135

[Senate Bill No. 4468]

PUBLIC RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE—DEDUCTIONS

AN ACT Relating to retirement from public service; amending section 139, chapter 80, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 13, chapter 294, Laws of 1981 and RCW 41.32.590; amending section 39, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 6, chapter 205, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.380; and repealing section 4, chapter 147, Laws of 1972 ex. sess., section 1, chapter 17, Laws of 1975 and RCW 41.32.680.

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

Section 1. Section 59, chapter 80, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 13, chapter 294, Laws of 1981 and RCW 41.32.590 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the right of a person to a pension, an annuity, a retirement allowance, or disability allowance, to the return of contributions, any optional benefit or death benefit, any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this chapter and the moneys in the various funds created by this chapter shall be