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"STRONG VALUES IN UNCERTAIN TIMES"

Alatna
Allakaket
Alcan
Aniak
Anvik
Arctic Village
Beaver
Beluga
Bettles
Birch Creek
Boundary
Central
Chalkyitsik
Chandalar
Chandalar Lake
Chicken
Chistochina
Chitina
Chuathbaluk
Circle
Coldfoot Camp
Copper Center
Crooked Creek
Deltana
Dot Lake
Dry Creek
Eagle
Eagle Village
Evansville
Flat
Fort Greely
Fort Yukon
Fortuna Ledge
Gakona
Galena
Georgetown
Grayling
Gulkana
Healy Lake
Holy Cross
Hughes

Sectional Analysis SS HB 251: Veterinary Examiners

Huslia
Kaltag
Kennicott
Kenny Lake
Koyukuk
Lake Minchumina
Lime Village
Livengood
Manley Hot Springs
Marshall
McCarthy
McGrath
Medfra
Mentasta Lake
Minto
Nabesna
Nenana
Nikolai
Northway
Nulato
Ophir
Rampart
Red Devil
Ruby
Russian Mission
Shageluk
Slana
Sleetmute
Stevens Village
Stony River
Takotna
Tanacross
Tanana
Tazlina
Telida
Tetlin
Tok
Tonsina
Tyonek
Venetie
Wiseman

Section 1:

Makes clear that a person may volunteer veterinarian services and receive coffee, housing and other nonmonetary compensation. These veterinarians, while acting in this capacity are exempt from the courtesy license requirements of the veterinary board. Note, however, that volunteers are not immune from legal action resulting from gross negligence, reckless or intentional misconduct while volunteering services. (Eg. Iditarod volunteer vets, Religious volunteers, other volunteers)

Section 2:

There is no statutory allowance for the surrender of a veterinarian license. This section addresses the process for a surrendered license, and how a surrendered license within a specific timeframe may be reinstated.

Section 3:

Uses the example of the Medical Board statutes (AS 08.64.326-331) to clarify that the Board of Veterinary Medicine may not base a finding of "professional incompetence", etc., solely on unconventional/experimental treatments in the absence of harm to the animal.

Section 4:

Sets out the complaint process.

Complaints may only be filed:

- by persons who own/are responsible for the animal seen by the Veterinarian.
- Against a licensee who treated the animal

Complaints must:

- Include documentation of the alleged mistreatment
- Be made under oath
- Filed within six months of the date of the act or omission
- Be sent to the subject of the complaint/allegation

During the Investigation the Department:

- Shall interview, under oath, the complainant, the licensee, any technician or assistant to the veterinarian;
- Determine whether the complainant followed aftercare procedures
- Include in its report all relevant information and exculpatory evidence.

Board members within five miles of a licensee's principal place of business may not participate in a disciplinary hearing relating to that licensee.