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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 51(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR VON IMHOF

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Board of Veterinary Examiners; extending the termination date**
2 **of the Board of Veterinary Examiners; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 08.03.010(c)(22) is amended to read:

5 (22) Board of Veterinary Examiners (AS 08.98.010) - June 30, 2025
6 [2017].

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.98.010 is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 08.98.010. Creation and membership of the board.** There is created the
9 Board of Veterinary Examiners composed of five members appointed by the governor
10 and approved by the legislature. Four members shall be licensed veterinarians who
11 have been in active practice in the state for at least five years preceding appointment,
12 one of whom shall reside in a community with a population of less than 5,000, and
13 one shall be a public member. A person may not serve on the board who is, or was
14 during the two years immediately preceding appointment, a member of a faculty,

1 board of trustees, or advisory board of a veterinary school.

2 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
3 read:

4 **REPORT ON VETERINARY SERVICES.** The Board of Veterinary Examiners shall
5 submit to the legislature an electronic report on the standards and availability of veterinary
6 services in the state, including rural areas. On or before January 31, 2020, the board shall
7 submit the report required under this section to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the
8 house of representatives and notify the legislature that the report is available.

9 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
10 read:

11 **TRANSITION.** Notwithstanding AS 08.98.010, as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, a
12 person who is a member of the Board of Veterinary Examiners on the effective date of this
13 Act may serve the remainder of the member's term. The governor shall make appointments
14 under AS 08.98.010, as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, to fill vacancies and expired terms on
15 the Board of Veterinary Examiners that occur on or after the effective date of this Act.

16 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).