

**HOUSE BILL NO. 432**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 1/19/96

Referred: State Affairs, Labor and Commerce

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the practice of veterinary medicine."

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.98.120 is amended to read:

4                   Sec. 08.98.120. LICENSE REQUIRED. A person may not practice veterinary  
5                   medicine, surgery, or dentistry unless the person is licensed as a veterinarian under  
6                   this chapter or has a temporary permit issued under AS 08.98.186, except that a  
7                   person [VETERINARY TECHNICIAN] may perform functions authorized by  
8                   regulation of the board if the person is licensed as a veterinary technician.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.98.120 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

10                   (b) A person may not

11                   (1) present or attempt to use a license or permit that was issued under  
12                   this chapter to another person, either directly or by impersonation;

13                   (2) secure or attempt to secure a license or permit under this chapter  
14                   through deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation;

15                   (3) use or attempt to use an expired or revoked license or permit

1 knowing of the license's or permit's status; or

2 (4) falsely claim to be licensed or to hold a permit under this chapter.

3 (c) Violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more  
4 than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both.

5 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.98.140(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The examination shall be in subjects related to the practice of veterinary  
7 medicine, surgery, and dentistry and shall include

8 (1) the **veterinary** examination prepared by the National Board  
9 **Examination Committee** [OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS] or other  
10 national veterinary examination determined to be acceptable by the board; and

11 (2) a standardized written examination testing practical skills.

12 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 08.98.165 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 08.98.165. QUALIFICATION FOR LICENSE. (a) An applicant is  
14 qualified to receive a license as a veterinarian who

15 (1) is a graduate of an accredited veterinary school or who has passed  
16 the examination of the **National Board Examination Committee's** [AMERICAN  
17 VETERINARY ASSOCIATION'S] Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary  
18 Graduates;

19 (2) has passed an examination **for veterinarians** prepared by the  
20 National Board **Examination Committee** [OF VETERINARY MEDICAL  
21 EXAMINERS] or an equivalent examination as determined by the board, or qualifies  
22 for an exemption under (b) of this section;

23 (3) has passed the written examination of the state;

24 (4) has passed a practical examination of skills [,] if required by the  
25 board; and

26 (5) has no disciplinary proceeding, unresolved complaint, or  
27 professional association review proceeding pending at the time a license is to be  
28 issued, and has not had a veterinarian license revoked for cause in another jurisdiction.

29 (b) An applicant is exempted from taking the examination required under  
30 (a)(2) of this section if the applicant furnishes proof acceptable to the board that the  
31 applicant has passed the examination prepared by the National Board of Veterinary

1       Medical Examiners, the veterinary examination prepared by the National Board  
2       Examination Committee, or an equivalent examination within the five years before  
3       application, or has been in active practice of veterinary medicine for five of the seven  
4       years before application in another state, territory, or country with licensing  
5       requirements substantially similar to or higher than those of this state which were in  
6       effect at the time the applicant obtained a license in the other jurisdiction.

7       \* **Sec. 5.** AS 08.98 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8               Sec. 08.98.167. QUALIFICATION FOR TECHNICIAN LICENSE. The board  
9       shall adopt regulations under which a person may qualify to be licensed as a veterinary  
10      technician.

11       \* **Sec. 6.** AS 08.98.184 is amended to read:

12               Sec. 08.98.184. LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS. The board shall approve  
13       the issuance of a license to an applicant who holds a valid license to practice  
14       veterinary medicine in another state, territory, or country with licensing requirements  
15       substantially similar to or higher than those of this state which were in effect at the  
16       time the applicant obtained a license in the other jurisdiction if the applicant

17                       (1) has graduated from an accredited school of veterinary medicine or  
18       has successfully passed the examination of the National Board Examination  
19       Committee's [AMERICAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATION'S] Education  
20       Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates;

21                       (2) has been engaged in the active practice of veterinary medicine for  
22       at least five of the seven years before filing the application;

23                       (3) has not failed the state written or practical examination;

24                       (4) has no disciplinary proceeding, unresolved complaints, or  
25       professional association review proceedings pending at the time a license is to be  
26       issued, and has not had a veterinarian license revoked for cause in another jurisdiction;  
27       and

28                       (5) has paid required fees.

29       \* **Sec. 7.** AS 08.98.250(5) is amended to read:

30                       (5) "practice of veterinary medicine"

31                       (A) means for compensation to

