

Differences Between CS SS HB 251 Versions D and O  
**Version O is dated 3/26/12**

1. Section 1 of Version O:

- a. **DELETEs** language that removed Veterinary Board oversight of veterinarians practicing uncompensated care. (*Version D, Page 1, Lines 13-14 through Page 2, Lines 1-9*)
- b. **DELETEs** immunity clause. (*Version D, Page 2, Lines 13-15*)
- c. **DELETEs** “nonmonetary donations” which was a confusing term. Uncompensated practice does not include reimbursement for actual expenses or other nonmonetary consideration. (*Version D, Page 2, Line 19*)
- d. **ADDS** language requiring the Department to verify information provided by a licensed veterinarian from out of state wishing to provide pro bono care. The Veterinarian must provide contact information and a copy of his/her license from the State in which the Veterinarian lives and practices.

2. Section 2:

- a. **DELETED** *Version D Section 2* regarding surrender and reinstatement of a license.

3. New Section 2 in Version O:

- a. **DELETEs** “or experimental” (*Version D, Page 3, Line 26*) from the subsection regarding professional incompetence.
- b. **DELETEs** “gross negligence, or repeated negligent conduct;” (*Version D, Page 2, Lines 22-23*); and “gross negligence, or negligent conduct” (*Version D, Page 2, Line 24*). Testimony by Alaska State Veterinary Medical Association revealed concern that these phrases created a higher bar to showing professional incompetence.

4. Section 3 (Version O):

- a. Corrects drafter’s error Lines 13-14: Notice of a complaint shall be sent to the licensee **[complainant]**

5. Section 4 :

- a. Creates a Task Force to examine the need for and status of veterinary services in rural Alaska, including rabies vaccinations. Task Force members are:
  - Two House members representing rural Alaska
  - Two Senate members representing rural Alaska
  - Representative of the Alaska Federation of Natives
  - Representative of the State Board of Veterinary Examiners
  - State Epidemiologist or designee
  - DHSS/Div. of Public Health Veterinarian or designee
  - DEC State Veterinarian or designee
  - A veterinarian providing services in rural Alaska, not a member of the Board
  - A veterinarian providing services in a road-system (urban) community in Alaska, not a member of the Board

The Task Force recommendations are due to the Governor and Legislature by December 31, 2012.