

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 137(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/12/98

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND
AUDIT COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to veterinarians; extending the termination date of the Board
2 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)(20) is amended to read:

5 (20) Board of Veterinary Examiners (AS 08.98.010) - June 30, 2001
6 [1997].

7 * Sec. 2. AS 08.98.165(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) An applicant is qualified to receive a license as a veterinarian who

9 (1) is a graduate of an accredited veterinary school or who has
10 successfully completed the Educational [PASSED THE EXAMINATION OF THE
11 NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATION COMMITTEE'S EDUCATION] Commission
12 for Foreign Veterinary Graduates certification process;

13 (2) has, within the 60 months preceding application for the license,
14 passed a national [AN] examination for veterinarians approved [PREPARED BY

1 THE NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATION COMMITTEE OR AN EQUIVALENT
 2 EXAMINATION AS DETERMINED] by the board [, OR QUALIFIES FOR AN
 3 EXEMPTION UNDER (b) OF THIS SECTION];

4 (3) has passed the written examination of the state on specific Alaska
 5 issues of veterinary practice;

6 (4) is in good standing, as defined by the board in regulations [HAS
 7 PASSED A PRACTICAL EXAMINATION OF SKILLS IF REQUIRED BY THE
 8 BOARD]; and

9 (5) has paid required fees [NO DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING,
 10 UNRESOLVED COMPLAINT, OR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION REVIEW
 11 PROCEEDING PENDING AT THE TIME A LICENSE IS TO BE ISSUED, AND
 12 HAS NOT HAD A VETERINARIAN LICENSE REVOKED FOR CAUSE IN
 13 ANOTHER JURISDICTION].

14 * **Sec. 3.** AS 08.98.180 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 08.98.180. Temporary license.** A person who meets the requirements
 16 of AS 08.98.165(a)(1), (4), and (5) [AS 08.98.165(a)(1) AND (5)] is entitled to be
 17 temporarily licensed after applying for examination [,] if the person works under the
 18 supervision of a licensed veterinarian. A license issued under this section is valid until
 19 the results of the examinations are published. A person may not receive more than
 20 one temporary license. An application for a temporary license must be signed by the
 21 supervising veterinarian and accompanied by the temporary license fee required under
 22 AS 08.98.190.

23 * **Sec. 4.** AS 08.98.184 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 08.98.184. Licensure by credentials.** The board shall approve the
 25 issuance of a license to an applicant who holds a valid license to practice veterinary
 26 medicine in another state, territory, or country [WITH LICENSING REQUIREMENTS
 27 SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO OR HIGHER THAN THOSE OF THIS STATE
 28 WHICH WERE IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE APPLICANT OBTAINED A
 29 LICENSE IN THE OTHER JURISDICTION] if the applicant

30 (1) has graduated from an accredited school of veterinary medicine or
 31 has successfully completed the Educational [PASSED THE EXAMINATION OF

1 THE NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATION COMMITTEE'S EDUCATION]
 2 Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates certification process;

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

5 (3) has passed the written examination of the state on specific
 6 Alaska issues of veterinary practice [NOT FAILED THE STATE WRITTEN OR
 7 PRACTICAL EXAMINATION];

8 (4) is in good standing, as defined by the board in regulations [HAS
 9 NO DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING, UNRESOLVED COMPLAINTS, OR
 10 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION REVIEW PROCEEDINGS PENDING AT THE
 11 TIME A LICENSE IS TO BE ISSUED, VETERINARIAN LICENSE REVOKED FOR
 12 CAUSE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION]; and

13 (5) has paid required fees.

14 * **Sec. 5.** AS 08.98.186 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 08.98.186. Temporary permit.** A person licensed to practice veterinary
 16 medicine in another state who meets the requirements of AS 08.98.165(a)(1), (4), and
 17 (5) [AS 08.98.165(a)(1) AND (5)] may be granted a temporary permit to conduct the
 18 practice of a person licensed in the state who is absent from practice. An application
 19 shall be signed by the person who is or will be absent from practice and by the
 20 applicant. A temporary permit is valid for no longer than 60 days after issuance but
 21 may be renewed.

22 * **Sec. 6.** AS 08.98.165(b) and 08.98.140 are repealed.

23 * **Sec. 7.** REGULATIONS. Notwithstanding sec. 9 of this Act, the Board of Veterinary
 24 Examiners may proceed to adopt regulations necessary to implement the changes made by
 25 secs. 2 - 6 of this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure
 26 Act), but not before January 1, 2000.

27 * **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 and 7 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

28 * **Sec. 9.** Except as provided in sec. 8 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2000.