

HOUSE BILL NO. 372

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES OGAN BY REQUEST, Croft

Introduced: 2/1/02

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act amending the definition of 'practice of veterinary medicine.'"**

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

3 *** Section 1.** AS 08.98.250(5) is amended to read:

4 (5) "practice of veterinary medicine"

5 (A) means for compensation to

6 (i) diagnose, treat, correct, change, relieve, or prevent
7 animal disease, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental
8 condition, including the prescription or administration of a drug,
9 biologic apparatus, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic
10 substance;

11 (ii) use a manual or mechanical procedure for testing
12 for pregnancy or correcting sterility or infertility; or

13 (iii) render advice or recommendation with regard to
14 any matter listed in (i) or (ii) of this subparagraph;

15 (B) means to represent, directly or indirectly, publicly or

1 privately, an ability or willingness to do any act in (A) of this paragraph for
2 compensation;

3 (C) means to use a description, title, abbreviation, or letters in a
4 manner or under circumstances tending to induce the belief that the person
5 using it or them is qualified or licensed to do any act in (A) of this paragraph
6 whether or not for compensation;

7 (D) does not include, whether or not for compensation,

8 (i) practices related to artificial insemination and the use
9 of a title, abbreviation, or letters in a manner **that** [WHICH] induces
10 the belief that the person using them is qualified to perform artificial
11 insemination;

12 (ii) the practices of a farrier done in the performance of
13 the farrier's profession;

14 (iii) standard practices commonly performed on farm or
15 domestic animals in the course of routine farming or animal husbandry
16 **or animal care and treatment**, when performed by an owner, [OR]
17 the owner's employee, **or the owner's agent acting with the owner's**
18 **approval as long as the owner, employee, and agent do not**
19 **represent themselves as veterinarians**, [UNLESS] ownership of the
20 animal is **not** transferred for the purpose of avoiding application of this
21 chapter, **and** [OR] the primary purpose of hiring the employee is **not** to
22 avoid application of this chapter;