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VETERINARY BOARD

- (1) SYNOPSIS
- (2) POSITION PAPER - ALASKA HEALTH COALITION
- (3) BUDGET & AUDIT COMMITTEE'S SUMMARY

SB 247  
Board of Veterinary  
Examiners  
Extends board -  
June 30, 1983

HCSSB 247 - Secs 1 & 2 extends board until  
January 1, 1981 and then jurisdiction over  
licensing of veterinarians and the practice  
veterinary medicine is transferred to the  
Dept of Comm & Econ Dev.  
Secs 3 - 11 provides for necessary statute  
changes to effect transfer of authority fro  
the board to the Dept.  
Sec 12 repeals appropriate sections amended  
by this bill  
Sec 13 effective date clause.

POSITION OF ALASKA HEALTH COALITION RE: SUNSET FREE CONFERENCE

1. 4 year continuance for major boards: June 30, 1983  
medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, veterinary medicine, optometry
2. 2 year continuance for other boards: June 30, 1981  
physical therapy, psychology, dispensing opticians, chiropractic
3. No more than 2 lay persons on each board.
4. Delete Sec. 8 of HCS Sb 240 (medical board regarding discrimination and denial of services.)
5. Delete Sec. 205 from HCS SB 246 or

Amend to read:

The board may waive the examination requirements for an applicant who meets the requirements of AS.36.110, pays the required fee, (and has an) holds an active licence from and has been in active practice for at least 30 hours per week for a period of 5 years in a state with licensing requirements at least equal to this state's in scope, quality, and difficulty and who has no judgements or disciplines accessed against such licence either by another state, professional review board, or state dental board and who has not failed the clinical examination of this state.

## THE LEGISLATURE

FINANCE DIVISION  
POUCH WF—STATE CAPITOL

BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

JUNEAU, ALASKA 99611

November 13, 1978

**SUMMARY OF:** A Performance Review of the Board of  
Veterinary Examiners.

### PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW

In accordance with the intent of Alaska Statutes 24.20.271 (1) and 44.66.050 (sunset legislation), a review of the Board of Veterinary Examiners was conducted to review board activities and accomplishments to determine if the Board has been operating in an effective, efficient and economical manner. The major areas reviewed were the Board's operations and its licensing, examination, administration, complaint and affirmative action functions.

### REPORT CONCLUSION

In our opinion, the Board of Veterinary Examiners should continue to regulate and license veterinarians. The regulation and licensing of these professionals is necessary to protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

However, certain changes need to be implemented in order for the Board to efficiently perform its duties. The Board needs to develop standards, regulations and formal procedures for the examination given to license applicants.

Legislation should be introduced which will require continuing education for veterinarians. Continuing education will assist in avoiding professional obsolescence and keep practitioners aware of changes taking place in their profession.

Legislation should also be introduced which will require public members be appointed to the Board. Public representation on the Board will help ensure that the public's interest is represented and protected.

OL should provide adequate assistance and support necessary for the proper functioning of the Board. In 1975 and 1976 the Board requested, but did not receive, assistance from OL to propose legislative changes to the Veterinary Practice Act.

Representative Anderson moved that the House adopt the Free Conference Committee report, thus adopting FCCS SB 247.

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The question being: "Shall the House adopt the Free Conference Committee report?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Yeas: 28 Anderson, Beirne, Bettisworth, Buchholdt, Corney, Chatterton, Cotten, Duncan, Eliason, Freeman, Gardiner, Guy, Halford, Hayes, McKinnon, Malone, Martin, Metcalfe, Miles, Miller, Montgomery, Moss, Munson, Osterback, Parker, Phillips, Schaeffer, Zharoff

Nays: 2 Huribert, Randolph, Rogers

Not Voting: 9 Barnes, Branson, Brown, Fuller, Haugen, Jenkins, O'Connell, Parr, Smith

And so, the House adopted the report, thus adopting FCCS SB 247.

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Representative Anderson moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the adoption of the report be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Chief Clerk was instructed to so notify the Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Speaker gave an additional referral to SCA 41am (establishing as a joint committee of the Eleventh Legislature a committee of the house of representatives and senate concerned with the organization and procedures of a state constitutional convention) to the Finance Committee. SCA 41am is now referred to the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

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