

**HB**

**432**

# House Labor & Commerce Committee

State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182  
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## SPONSOR STATEMENT HB 432

HB 432, which is sponsored by the House Labor and Commerce Committee, has the principal effect of conforming Alaska's veterinarian licensure statutes to current nationwide licensure standards. Under existing statutes, references are made to examinations administered under the auspices of the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and the American Veterinary Association's Education Commission For Foreign Veterinary Graduates. These exams are no longer given by these organizations. Instead, they are administered by the National Board Examination Committee and the National Board Examination Committee's Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates. HB 432 makes the necessary changes.

HB 432 also acts to promote public welfare by clearly defining the unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine and imposing penalties for violations.

I urge your support.

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## MEMORANDUM

February 6, 1996

**SUBJECT:** Sectional Summary of HB 432. (An Act relating to the practice of veterinary medicine)

**TO:** Representative Pete Kott  
Attn: George Dozier

**FROM:** Terri Lauterbach  
Legislative Counsel 

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Requires veterinary technicians to be licensed.

Section 2. Prohibits certain conduct and prescribes a penalty for violating the prohibitions.

Section 3. Changes the description of the examination that may be used for veterinarian licensure.

Section 4. Changes the name of various examinations.

Section 5. Requires the board to adopt regulations for licensure of veterinary technicians.

Section 6. Changes the name of another examination.

Section 7. Changes the definition of "practice of veterinary medicine" with respect to prohibited use of descriptions, titles, abbreviations, etc.

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1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
 Title: Veterinary Licensing \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Component: DPS Statewide Support  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Component: Commissioner's Office  
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 Sponsor: H.Labor & Commerce  
 Requestor: H.Labor & Commerce COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0523

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (inflation not included)

OPERATING	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Code Revenue						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Estimate of current year (FY 96) impact: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)  
 No fiscal impact is anticipated to the Department of Public Safety

Prepared By: Sandy Perry-Provost, Special Assistant to the Commissioner Phone: 465-4322  
 Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 1/24/96  
 Approved by Commissioner: *Ronald L. Otte* Date: 1/24/96  
 Agency: Ronald L. Otte, Dept. of Public Safety

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 432

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Corrections  
 Title: "An Act relating to the practice of veterinary  
medicine." BRU: State Wide Programs  
 Sponsor: House Labor and Commerce Committee Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requester: House State Affairs COMPONENT SERIAL NO. #1381

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost: \$ 0.0

**POSITIONS**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

According to the Division of Occupational Licensing, they expect few if any cases would be prosecuted under this bill. If convicted for this misdemeanor offense a fine rather than incarceration is a more likely sentence. The Department of Correction expects no fiscal impact.

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 Approved by Commissioner: Margaret H. Pugh Date: 1/30/96  
 Agency: Department of Corrections

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 432

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Department of Law  
 Title: "An Act relating to the practice of veterinary BRU: Civil Division  
medicine." Component: General Legal Services  
 Sponsor: House Labor and Commerce Committee  
 Requester: House Labor and Commerce Committee COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 2087

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost: \$ 0.0

**POSITIONS**

FULL-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill amends AS 08.98.120 to require the licensing of veterinary technicians under Alaska's occupational licensing laws. The bill also provides for criminal penalties for persons practicing or attempting to practice veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry without being properly licensed. Although inclusion of a new regulated profession tends to increase the Department of Law's workload over time, the cost of regulatory enforcement is reimbursed to the Department of Law by the Division of Occupational Licensing. It does not appear that the bill will cause any significant workload increase in the foreseeable future.

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