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Senate Rules Committee 2/18/98 11:38 am

Differences between Blank CS (LS0549\B)
and CS HB 137 (LS0549\E)
as presented to the Senate State Affairs Committee
February 10, 1998

Section 2: This section deals with INITIAL licensure of veterinarians.

Page 1, Lines 13-14 Subsection (a)(2) was amended to ensure that a licensee, before applying for a license, has within the preceding 5 years, passed the national exam(s) approved by the Board. Generally, graduates of veterinary schools will have passed their national exams concurrent with graduation, but the Board wanted this language inserted. The national exam(s) referred to are currently the National Board Exam; and the Clinical Competency Test. The experts consulted by the Board advised the board that these tests may in the future be merged into one test. Thus the requirement for a "practical examination of skills" was deleted from the initial licensure requirements. The Board will still require, in regulation, that applicants for initial licensure must pass the NBE and the CCT, but the bill's language leaves them the room to change the name of the test, should the national move to one test happen.

Page 2, Lines 6-8; After consulting with national experts on this topic, the Board would like to define the term "in good standing" in regulation. A copy of what is envisioned to be included by that regulation is in your packet. The Board is given 18 months to hold public hearings to finalize those regulations (Sec. 9).

Section 3: This section sets out the requirements that a person seeking a temporary license must meet. With the amendment, the temporary licensee must:

- (a)(1): have graduated from an accredited veterinary school or successfully complete the EFVG certification process for foreign students;
- (a)(4): be in good standing as defined in regulation
- (a)(5): have paid all required fees.

Section 4 amends the portions of AS 08.98 dealing with LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL - in other words, veterinarians already licensed in another state, territory or country.

Page 3, Lines 5-6: removes the requirement that licensed veterinarians entering Alaska practice must pass the Clinical Competency Test.

Page 3, Lines 8-12: After consulting with national experts on this topic, the Board would like to define the term "in good standing" in regulation. A copy of what is envisioned to be included by that regulation is in your packet. The Board is given 18 months to hold public hearings to finalize those regulations (Sec. 9).

Section 5: This section sets out the requirements that a person seeking a temporary permit must meet. With the amendment, the temporary permittee must:

- (a)(1): have graduated from an accredited veterinary school or successfully complete the EFVG certification process for foreign students;
- (a)(4): be in good standing as defined in regulation
- (a)(5): have paid all required fees.

Sections 7 and 8: Allows the Board to begin work immediately on regulations.

Section 9: All changes to the testing and licensing of veterinarians take effect January 1, 2000.