

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 56(L&C)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/19/23

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES RUFFRIDGE, Hannan, Carrick, Sumner, Galvin, Mears, Gray, Schrage, Prax, McKay, Carpenter, Mina, Allard, McCormick, Himschoot, Stutes, Saddler, Story, Wright, Ortiz, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Armstrong, Dibert, Craig Johnson, Cronk, Tilton, Rauscher

SENATORS Myers, Tobin, Kaufman, Wilson, Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Bjorkman, Bishop, Claman, Merrick, Hughes

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the certification of veterinarians; exempting veterinarians from the**
2 **requirements of the controlled substance prescription database; and providing for an**
3 **effective date."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 08.98.050(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) The board may

7 (1) establish examination and registration requirements for veterinary
8 technicians;

9 (2) adopt regulations or do any act necessary to carry out its duties
10 under this chapter;

11 **(3) adopt a certification process for licensure to practice veterinary**
12 **medicine.**

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

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

1 (1) is a graduate of an accredited veterinary school or who has
 2 successfully completed the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates
 3 certification, **the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education**
 4 **Equivalence certification, or another certification** process **approved by the board**;

5 (2) has, within the 60 months preceding application for the license,
 6 passed a national examination for veterinarians approved by the board;

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

9 (4) is in good standing, as defined by the board in regulations; and

10 (5) has paid required fees.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 08.98.184 is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 08.98.184. Licensure by credentials.** The board shall approve the
 13 issuance of a license to an applicant who holds a valid license to practice veterinary
 14 medicine in another state, territory, or country if the applicant

15 (1) has graduated from an accredited school of veterinary medicine or
 16 has successfully completed the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary
 17 Graduates certification, **the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education**
 18 **Equivalence certification, or another certification** process **approved by the board**;

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

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

23 (4) is in good standing, as defined by the board in regulations; and

24 (5) has paid required fees.

25 * **Sec. 4.** AS 17.30.200(o) is amended to read:

26 (o) The board shall promptly notify the State Medical Board, the Board of
 27 Nursing, the Board of Dental Examiners, **and** the Board of Examiners in Optometry [,
 28 AND THE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS] when a practitioner registers
 29 with the database under (n) of this section.

30 * **Sec. 5.** AS 17.30.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

31 (v) This section does not apply to a schedule II, III, or IV controlled substance

1 prescribed or dispensed by a veterinarian licensed under AS 08.98 to treat an animal.

2 * **Sec. 6.** AS 08.98.050(a)(10) is repealed.

3 * **Sec. 7.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).