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HOUSE BILL No. 1317

Originating
(By Mr. in the House Committee on the)
Judiciary

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article ten, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and deleting the provision allowing any person with ten years' experience to practice veterinary medicine if the services of a veterinarian are not available within a reasonable time or at a reasonable cost.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section two, article ten, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10. VETERINARIANS.

§30-10-2. License or permit required; exceptions.

1 No person may, for a fee or other compensation, practice veterinary medicine in this state without a license or a temporary permit issued by the board in accordance with the provisions of this article, which license or permit remains unexpired, unsuspended and unrevoked. This article shall, however, not be construed to prohibit:

7 (a) Any employee of the federal, state or local government from performing his official duties, as defined by his employing agency;
(b) Any person who is a regular student in a veterinary school from performing research assigned by his instructors, or from working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian during a school vacation period;

c) Any person from advising with respect to or performing acts which the board has prescribed as accepted livestock management practices;

d) Any veterinarian regularly licensed in another state from consulting with a licensed veterinarian in this state;

e) The owner of an animal, the owner's employees, or persons assisting the owner without any fee or compensation, from caring for and treating such animal, except where the ownership of such animal was transferred for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this article;

f) Any member of the faculty of a veterinary school from performing his regular functions, or any person from lecturing, or giving instructions or demonstrations, at a veterinary school or in connection with a continuing education course or seminar;

g) Any person from selling or applying any pesticide, insecticide or herbicide;

h) Any person from engaging in bona fide scientific research which reasonably requires experimentation involving animals;

(i) Any person from engaging in bona fide scientific research in consultation with a licensed veterinarian in this state;

(j) The treatment or relief of any living animal in the case of an emergency or the disposal of the carcass of a dead animal;

(k) Any person, with reference to domestic animals, from performing care and treatment of such animals, provided that such person other than those not prohibited otherwise in this section shall be allowed to continue after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred seventy-six, only if such person meets the minimum requirements set
out by the veterinary licensing board for certification of
licensing as veterinarians, veterinary assistants or veterinary
technicians;

(1) The practice of veterinary medicine by those certain
persons who were licensed to practice under the laws of this
state on the effective date of this act or the practice of vet-
ernary medicine by those certain persons who were permitted
to practice by the provisions of chapter thirty-three, acts of the
Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred fifteen,
notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in section six,
article ten, chapter thirty of this code to the contrary; or

(m) The veterinary licensing board from certifying and
licensing veterinary assistants or technicians to work under
the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 30th day of March, 1975.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date 3/14/75
Time 4:30 P.M.