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CHAPTER 37
HOUSE BILL 2261

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-2214, 32-2215 AND 32-2216, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;
RELATING TO VETERINARIANS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-2214, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-2214. Examination of applicants; confidentiality

5 A. All applicants for a veterinary license, not including a
6 veterinary faculty member license, shall ~~be given a state examination.~~

7 ~~B. Examinations shall be held in January and June of each year~~
8 ~~unless otherwise provided by the board.~~

9 ~~C. The TAKE AN examination shall consist~~ THAT CONSISTS of the
10 following:

11 1. A state examination approved by the board.

12 2. The North American veterinary licensing examination.

13 ~~D. B.~~ The state examination shall be ~~SO~~ BOTH:

14 1. HELD IN JANUARY AND JUNE OF EACH YEAR UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED
15 BY THE BOARD.

16 2. Conducted SO that the members of the board do not know the name
17 of the applicant until the judging or grading is officially completed.

18 ~~E. C.~~ A grade of at least seventy-five ~~per cent shall be~~ PERCENT
19 IS required to successfully pass the North American veterinary licensing
20 examination. A grade of at least seventy-five ~~per cent shall be~~ PERCENT
21 IS required to successfully pass the state examination. The scores of the
22 North American veterinary licensing examination and the state examination
23 shall not be averaged. National board scores that are received from either
24 the national examination committee or the North American veterinary
25 licensing examination committee from another state may be accepted for
26 part of an applicant's passing score.

27 ~~F. D.~~ An applicant's score that was received within the preceding
28 five years and that is on record at the national examination service or
29 the North American veterinary licensing examination committee shall be
30 verified through either the national examination service or the North
31 American veterinary licensing examination committee, unless the applicant
32 is applying for A LICENSE BY endorsement or a specialty license under
33 section 32-2215, subsection C or D, in which case the applicant's score
34 shall be transcribed and received by the board.

35 ~~G. E.~~ All examination materials, records of examination grading
36 and performance and transcripts of educational institutions concerning
37 applicants or licensees are confidential and not public records.

38 Sec. 2. Section 32-2215, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
39 read:

40 32-2215. Qualifications for license to practice veterinary
41 medicine

42 A. An applicant for a license issued under this chapter shall:

43 1. Be of good moral character.

44 2. Be a graduate of a veterinary college that is accredited by the
45 American veterinary medical association or hold a certificate issued by

1 the educational commission for foreign veterinary graduates, the program
2 for the assessment of veterinary education equivalence or a foreign
3 graduate testing program approved by the board. THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT
4 APPLY TO AN APPLICANT FOR A VETERINARY FACULTY MEMBER LICENSE WHO HAS
5 GRADUATED FROM A VETERINARY COLLEGE.

6 3. Satisfactorily pass ~~an~~ BOTH A STATE examination ~~given~~ APPROVED
7 by the board as provided in this chapter AND THE NORTH AMERICAN VETERINARY
8 LICENSING EXAMINATION. This paragraph does not apply to an applicant for
9 a veterinary faculty member license.

10 B. An applicant may be denied licensure either before or after AN
11 examination if the applicant has committed any act that if committed by a
12 licensee would be grounds for suspension or revocation of a license to
13 practice veterinary medicine under this chapter.

14 C. The board may waive the examination ~~requirements~~ REQUIREMENT
15 pursuant to section 32-2214, subsection ~~C~~ A, paragraph 2 and, except as
16 provided in subsection E of this section, may issue a license by
17 endorsement to an applicant to practice veterinary medicine if the
18 applicant provides all required documentation pursuant to section 32-2213
19 and meets the following requirements:

20 1. ~~The applicant~~ Holds an active license in one or more other
21 states or in Canada and submits verification that the applicant has
22 previously taken and passed the examination required by section 32-2214,
23 with a score at least equal to the score required to pass in this state.
24 An applicant who received original licensure before the examination
25 required by section 32-2214 was required in the state in which the
26 applicant was originally licensed may be eligible for licensure without
27 having taken that examination as required pursuant to this chapter if all
28 other requirements are met.

29 2. ~~The applicant has been~~ Lawfully and actively ~~engaged~~ ENGAGES in
30 the practice of veterinary medicine for at least three of the preceding
31 five years or six of the preceding ten years in one or more states in this
32 country or in Canada before filing an application for licensure in this
33 state.

34 3. ~~The applicant~~ Has graduated from a veterinary college recognized
35 by the board.

36 4. ~~The applicant~~ SUCCESSFULLY passes a state examination approved
37 by the board. ~~WITH~~ a grade of at least seventy-five ~~per cent is required~~
38 ~~to successfully pass the examination~~ PERCENT.

39 5. ~~The applicant~~ Pays a fee for the license of seven hundred fifty
40 dollars.

41 D. The board may waive the examination ~~requirements~~ REQUIREMENT
42 pursuant to section 32-2214, subsection ~~C~~ A, paragraph 2 and, except as
43 provided in subsection E of this section, may issue a specialty license to
44 an applicant to practice veterinary medicine if the applicant provides all

1 required documentation pursuant to section 32-2213 and meets the following
2 requirements:

3 1. ~~The applicant~~ Holds a current certification as a specialist of a
4 national specialty board or college recognized by the American veterinary
5 medical association.

6 2. LIMITS the applicant's practice ~~is limited~~ to the scope of the
7 applicant's board certification.

8 3. ~~The applicant~~ Successfully passes a state examination approved
9 by the board with a score of at least seventy-five ~~per cent~~ PERCENT.

10 4. ~~The applicant~~ Pays a fee for the specialty license of seven
11 hundred fifty dollars.

12 E. The board shall determine ~~if~~ WHETHER previous disciplinary
13 action prevents licensure by endorsement or specialty licensure of an
14 applicant to practice veterinary medicine, and the board may discipline
15 the licensee at the time of licensure as a result of the previous
16 disciplinary action.

17 F. ANY VETERINARY FACULTY MEMBER WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A VETERINARY
18 COLLEGE THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,
19 IF APPLICABLE, IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE VETERINARY FACULTY
20 MEMBER LICENSE.

21 Sec. 3. Section 32-2216, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
22 read:

23 32-2216. Issuance of temporary permits; emergency temporary
24 permits; definition

25 A. The board may issue temporary permits to veterinary license
26 applicants and to veterinarians WHO ARE licensed in other states AND who
27 enter this state to provide voluntary services during a state of emergency
28 as declared by the governor or the board of supervisors of the county in
29 which the board of supervisors has declared a local emergency pursuant to
30 section 26-311. EXCEPT FOR APPLICANTS WHO ARE VETERINARY FACULTY MEMBERS
31 WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM A VETERINARY COLLEGE, applicants for all temporary
32 permits must be graduates of an American veterinary medical association
33 accredited veterinary college or holders of a certificate from the
34 educational commission for foreign veterinary graduates or from a program
35 for the assessment of veterinary education at the time of application.

36 B. The temporary permit issued under this section entitles a
37 veterinary license applicant to engage in the active practice of
38 veterinary medicine in this state as an employee of a licensed
39 veterinarian, ~~the~~ THIS state or any county or municipality in this state.
40 ~~Such~~ THE applicant ~~shall be~~ IS eligible for the next examination, if the
41 applicant has not violated any provision of this chapter. ~~Such~~ AN
42 applicant working under the direct and personal instruction, control or
43 supervision of a licensed veterinarian and whose compensation is paid by
44 ~~such~~ THE veterinarian may perform those acts of animal health care
45 assigned by the veterinarian having responsibility for the care of the

1 animal. The temporary permit described in this subsection expires twenty
2 days after the examination. If the applicant fails for good and
3 sufficient reason to take the examination, the board, by majority consent,
4 may extend the permit until the next succeeding examination. Except as
5 otherwise provided in this section, the holder of a temporary permit must
6 be examined and satisfactorily pass the license examination next following
7 the issuance of the permit and duly receive a license in order to continue
8 active professional practice. The temporary permit may be extended only
9 one time. For the purposes of this subsection, "direct and personal
10 instruction, control or supervision" means that a veterinarian WHO IS
11 licensed by the board is physically present and personally supervising a
12 temporary permittee when the permittee is practicing acts of veterinary
13 medicine except if the permittee is at a temporary site for the purpose of
14 delivering services to large animals or if the permittee is administering
15 emergency services not during regular office hours. In these cases, phone
16 contact constitutes direct and personal instruction, control or
17 supervision.

18 C. If an employer, for any reason, terminates the employment of the
19 applicant, the employing veterinarian shall notify the board and the
20 temporary permit described in subsection B of this section is immediately
21 void.

22 D. An emergency temporary permit that is issued to an individual
23 who is a veterinarian licensed in good standing in another state entitles
24 the individual to provide voluntary veterinary care during a state of
25 emergency or local emergency for the sole purpose of assisting in care
26 related to that emergency. The emergency temporary permit expires ninety
27 days after the date of issuance or at the end of the state of emergency or
28 local emergency, whichever occurs first. An applicant for an emergency
29 temporary permit shall submit a complete application, including
30 information regarding veterinary licensure in any other state and
31 verification that the statutes and rules pertaining to the board have been
32 reviewed. The board shall verify whether the veterinarian is licensed in
33 the state or states indicated and confirm the applicant's good standing.
34 The applicant is not required to pass the state veterinary examination. A
35 veterinarian who is issued an emergency temporary permit under this
36 section shall practice in accordance with all laws and rules related to
37 the practice of veterinary medicine in this state. The board may
38 investigate any alleged violation by a holder of an emergency temporary
39 permit and take disciplinary action as prescribed in this chapter. A
40 veterinarian granted an emergency temporary permit under this section is a
41 licensed, certified or authorized emergency responder pursuant to section
42 49-133 and an emergency worker as defined in section 26-301.

1 E. For the purposes of this section, "emergency temporary permit"
2 means a temporary permit that is issued to a veterinarian WHO IS licensed
3 in another state AND who enters this state to provide voluntary services
4 during a state of emergency as declared by the governor or a local
5 emergency declared by a county board of supervisors pursuant to section
6 26-311.

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