

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1074**

Introduced by

Agriculture Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 43-29-01.1, subsection 1 of  
2 section 43-29-07, subsections 2 and 3 of section 43-29-07.1, and subsection 2 of section  
3 43-29-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to examination and licensure of  
4 veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 43-29-01.1 of the 1997  
7 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 5. "Certificate" means a certificate issued by the ~~American veterinary medical~~  
9 ~~association~~ educational commission for foreign veterinary graduates, indicating the  
10 holder has demonstrated knowledge and skill equivalent to that possessed by a  
11 graduate of an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 43-29-07 of the 1997 Supplement  
13 to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 1. ~~Any~~ A person desiring a license to practice veterinary medicine in this state shall  
15 make written application to the board. The application must show the applicant is a  
16 graduate of an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine or the holder  
17 of a certificate. The application must also show the applicant is a person of good  
18 moral character and any other information and proof the board may require. The  
19 application must be accompanied by a fee in the amount established by the board.  
20 If the board determines an applicant possesses the proper qualifications, the board  
21 shall admit the applicant to the next examination. If the applicant is eligible for  
22 license without examination under section 43-29-07.2, the board may grant the  
23 applicant a license. If an applicant is found not qualified to take the examination or  
24 for a ~~licensee~~ license without examination, the board shall immediately notify the

1 applicant in writing of this finding and the grounds of this finding. An applicant  
2 found unqualified may request a hearing on the question of the applicant's  
3 qualifications.

4 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 2 and 3 of section 43-29-07.1 of the 1997  
5 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

6 2. An applicant for licensure as a veterinary technician must pass the veterinary  
7 technician national examination with a score ~~of at least seventy percent~~ approved  
8 by the board.

9 3. An applicant for licensure as a veterinary technician who has successfully passed  
10 the veterinary technician national examination shall request that the applicant's  
11 examination scores be forwarded to the board ~~by the professional examination~~  
12 ~~service.~~ An applicant is eligible for licensure upon meeting the licensure  
13 requirements set by the board.

14 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 43-29-07.2 of the 1997  
15 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16 2. The board may issue a license without a written examination to a qualified  
17 applicant who furnishes satisfactory proof of graduation from an accredited or  
18 approved college of veterinary medicine, or holds a certificate, and who:  
19 a. Has for the five years immediately before filing of the application been a  
20 practicing veterinarian licensed in a state having license requirements at the  
21 time the applicant was first licensed which were substantially equivalent to the  
22 requirements of this chapter;  
23 b. Has within the three years immediately before filing the application  
24 successfully completed the examinations provided by the national board ~~of~~  
25 ~~veterinary medical examiners~~ examination committee; or  
26 c. Currently holds a license to practice in at least one state, has active diplomat  
27 status in a specialty organization recognized by the American veterinary  
28 medical association, and whose practice is limited to the certified specialty in  
29 the state in which the specialist is licensed without examination.