

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1074  
(Agriculture Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. ~~Any~~ A person desiring a license to practice veterinary medicine in this state shall make written application to the board. The application must show the applicant is a graduate of an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine or the holder of a certificate. The application must also show the applicant is a person of good moral character and any other information and proof the board may require. The application must be accompanied by a fee in the amount established by the board. If the board determines an applicant possesses the proper qualifications, the board shall admit the applicant to the next examination. If the applicant is eligible for license without examination under section 43-29-07.2, the board may grant the applicant a license. If an applicant is found not qualified to take the examination or for a ~~license~~ license without examination, the board shall immediately notify the applicant in writing of this finding and the grounds of this finding. An applicant found unqualified may request a hearing on the question of the applicant's qualifications.

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

2. An applicant for licensure as a veterinary technician must pass the veterinary technician national examination with a score ~~of at least seventy percent~~ approved by the board.
3. An applicant for licensure as a veterinary technician who has successfully passed the veterinary technician national examination shall request that the applicant's examination scores be forwarded to the board ~~by the professional examination service~~. An applicant is eligible for licensure upon meeting the licensure requirements set by the board.

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

2. The board may issue a license without a written examination to a qualified applicant who furnishes satisfactory proof of graduation from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine, or holds a certificate, and who:

- a. Has for the five years immediately before filing of the application been a practicing veterinarian licensed in a state having license requirements at the time the applicant was first licensed which were substantially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter;
- b. Has within the three years immediately before filing the application successfully completed the examinations provided by the national board of ~~veterinary medical examiners~~ examination committee; or
- c. Currently holds a license to practice in at least one state, has active diplomat status in a specialty organization recognized by the American veterinary medical association, and whose practice is limited to the certified specialty in the state in which the specialist is licensed without examination.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1074.

House Vote:      Yeas    92      Nays    3      Absent    3

Senate Vote:    Yeas    47      Nays    0      Absent    2

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State