Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2129

Introduced by

Workforce Development Committee

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

1	A BILL for an Act to create and enact six new sections to chapter 43-29 of the North Dakota
2	Century Code, relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology; to
3	amend and reenact section 43-29-01.1, subsection 1 of section 43-29-02, sections 43-29-03,
4	43-29-04, 43-29-05, 43-29-05.1, 43-29-06, 43-29-07, 43-29-07.1, 43-29-07.2, 43-29-07.3,
5	43-29-08.1, 43-29-13, 43-29-14, and 43-29-15, subsection 2 of section 43-29-16, sections
6	43-29-16.1 and 43-29-17, and subsection 2 of section 43-29-19 of the North Dakota Century
7	Code, relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology; to repeal
8	sections 43-29-09, 43-29-10, 43-29-11, and 43-29-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
9	relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology; and to provide a
10	penalty.
11 12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
13	amended and reenacted as follows:
14	43-29-01.1. Definitions.
15	As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
16	"Accepted livestock management practice" means a procedure that is commonly performed
17	as part of the routine management of livestock such as vaccination, implantation of growth
18	hormones, branding, castration, dehorning, docking, earmarking, semen collection, non-
19	surgical artificial insemination, and assisting in a non-surgical birthing process.
20	4. 2. "Animal" means any member of the animal kingdom other than a human being
21	whether living or dead.
22	2-3. "AccreditedApproved college of veterinary medicine" means any veterinary college or
23	division of a university or college which offers the degree of doctor of veterinary
24	medicine or its equivalent and which conforms to the standards required for

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accreditation by the council on education of the American veterinary medical
association has been approved by the board by rule.

3 "Accredited Approved program in veterinary technology" means any postsecondary educational program of two or more academic years that is accredited by the

committe	e on ve	eterinary technician education and activities of the American veterinary
1		medical association which offers a degree in veterinary technology or its equivalent
2		and has been approved by the board by rule.
3	3.	"Animal" means any animal other than a human being. The term includes any
4		mammal, bird, fish, reptile, or fowl, whether wild or domestic, living or dead.
5	4.5.	"Board" means the board of veterinary medical examiners.
6	5 . <u>6</u> .	"Certificate" means a certificate issued by the educational commission for foreign
7		veterinary graduates or the educational equivalence program of the American
8		association of veterinary state boards, indicating the holder has demonstrated
9		knowledge and skill equivalent to that possessed by a graduate of an accredited
10		college of veterinary medicine.
11	6.	"Licensed veterinarian" means a person who is licensed by the board to practice
12		veterinary medicine.
13	7.	"Licensed veterinary technician" means a person who has graduated from an
14		accredited program in veterinary technology or an equivalent program as determined
15		by the board, and who has passed an examination prescribed by the board.
16	8.	"Client" means the patient's owner, owner's agent, or other individual presenting the
17		patient for care.
18	6. 7.	"Complementary, integrative, and alternative therapies" means a heterogeneous group
19		of preventative, diagnostic, and therapeutic philosophies and practices not considered
20		part of conventional veterinary medicine practiced by most veterinarians.
21	7. 8.	"Consent" means the veterinarian has informed the client of the diagnostic and
22		treatment options, risk assessment, and prognosis, and the client has authorized the
23		recommended services.
24	8. 9.	"Consultation" means that a veterinarian receives advice or assistance in person, or
25		by any method of communication, from a veterinarian or other individual whose
26		expertise, in the opinion of the veterinarian, would benefit a patient.
27	9.10	"Direct supervision" means the supervising veterinarian is readily available on the
28		premises where the patient is being treated and has assumed responsibility for the
29		veterinary care given to the patient by an individual working under the direction of the
30		veterinarian.

1	11. "Foreign practitioner" has the same meaning as defined by subsection two of 43-51-01.
2	40.12. "Immediate supervision" means the supervising veterinarian is in the immediate area
3	and within audible and visual range of the patient and the individual treating the patien
4	and has assumed responsibility for the veterinary care given to the patient by an
5	individual working under the direction of the veterinarian.
6	11.13. "Impaired veterinarian" means a veterinarian who is unable to practice veterinary
7	medicine with reasonable skill and safety because of a physical or mental disability or
8	the use of alcohol, drugs, or other habit-forming chemicals.
9	12.14. "Impaired veterinary technician" means a veterinary technician who is unable to
10	practice veterinary technology with reasonable skill and safety because of a physical
11	or mental disability or the use of alcohol, drugs, or other habit-forming chemicals.
12	43.15. "Indirect supervision" means the supervising veterinarian is not on the premises where
13	the patient is being treated but has given written or oral instructions for the treatment
14	of the patient, is readily available for communication, and has assumed responsibility
15	for the veterinary care given to the patient by an individual working under the direction
16	of the veterinarian.
17	14.16. "Jurisdiction" means any commonwealth, state, or territory of the United States of
18	America, including the District of Columbia, or any province of Canada.
19	15.17. "Patient" means an animal or group of animals examined or treated by a veterinarian.
20	46.18. "Practice of veterinary medicine" means tethe:
21	a. Diagnose, treat, correct, change, relieve, or prevent animal Diagnosis, prognosis,
22	correction, supervision, recommendation, or performance of any medical or
23	surgical treatment, including complementary, integrative or alternative therapies,
24	for the diagnosis, prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, disease, deformity,
25	defect, fracture, bodily injury, or otherdental, physical, behavioral, or mental
26	conditions. The term includes the prescription or administration of any drug,
27	medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or
28	diagnostic substance or technique, the use of any manual or mechanical
29	procedure for testing for pregnancy, or for correcting sterility or infertility, or to
30	render advice or recommendation with regard to any of the above.condition of an
31	animal;

1	b.	Rep	presentPrescription, distribution, or administration of a drug, medicine,
2		ane	sthetic, biologic, appliance, apparatus, application, or treatment to an animal;
3	<u>C.</u>	Pro	vision of any manual or mechanical procedure for the diagnosis or treatment
4		of p	regnancy, sterility, or infertility of an animal;
5	<u>d.</u>	Det	ermination of the health, fitness, or soundness of an animal;
6	<u>e.</u>	Rep	presentation of oneself, directly or indirectly, publicly or privately, an ability and
7		willi	ngness to do an act described in subdivision a.as engaging in the practice of
8		vete	erinary medicine; or
9	c. f.	Use	e of any title, word, abbreviation, or letter in a manner or under circumstances
10		that	induce the belief the personthat the individual using the such title, word,
11		abb	reviation, or letter is qualified to do any act described in subdivision a
12		auth	norized to practice veterinary medicine under this chapter.
13	d.	Арр	ly principles of environmental sanitation, food inspection, environmental
14		poll	ution control, animal nutrition, zoonotic disease control, and disaster medicine
15		in th	ne promotion and protection of public health.
16	<u>17.19. a.</u>	<u>"Pra</u>	actice of veterinary technology" means the:
17		<u>(1)</u>	Provision of professional medical care, monitoring, or treatment on the basis
18			of written or oral instructions from a veterinarian;
19		<u>(2)</u>	Representation of oneself, directly or indirectly, as engaging in the practice
20			of veterinary technology; or
21		<u>(3)</u>	Use of any title, word, abbreviation, or letter in a manner or under
22			circumstances that induce the belief that the individual using such title is
23			authorized to practice veterinary technology under this chapter.
24	<u>b.</u>	This	s section may not be construed to permit a veterinary technician to do the
25		follo	wing:
26		<u>(1)</u>	Surgery, except when acting as a surgical assistant to a veterinarian;
27		<u>(2)</u>	Diagnose;
28		<u>(3)</u>	Prognose; or
29		<u>(4)</u>	Prescribe.
30	48-20. "Sta	ate bo	pard examination" means the jurisprudence examination administered by the
31	boa	ırd.	

19. 21.	"Supervising veterinarian" means a veterinarian who has a valid veterinarian-client-
	patient relationship and assumes responsibility for the veterinary care provided to the
	patient by an individual working under the direction of the veterinarian.
20.22.	"Teleadvice" means the provision of any health information, opinion, or guidance that
	is not specific to a particular animal's health, illness, or injury and is not intended to
	diagnose, prognose, or treat an animal.
21. 23.	"Telehealth" means the use of technology to gather and deliver health information,
	advice, education, or patient care remotely.
22.24.	"Teletriage" means electronic communication with the client to determine urgency and
	need for immediate referral to a veterinarian.
23. 25.	"Veterinarian" means an individual who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine
	under this chapter.
9.24.26.	"Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means:-
	a. A <u>a relationship in which the</u> veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for
	making medical judgments regarding the health of an animal and the need for
	medical treatment, a patient and the client, who is the owner or other caretaker,
	has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian.
	b. There is sufficient knowledge of the animal by the veterinarian to initiate at least a
	general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal.
	c. The practicing veterinarian is readily available for followup in the case of adverse
	reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy. This relationship exists only when
	the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping
	and care of the animal by virtue of an examination of the animal and by medically
	appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept.
10.25.27	"Veterinary medicine" includes veterinary surgery, obstetrics, dentistry, chiropractic,
4 :	acupuncture, and all other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine.
26. 28.	"Veterinary premises" means any premises or facility where the practice of veterinary
	medicine is performed but may not include the premises of a client, research facility,
	military base, or an approved college of veterinary medicine.
27. 29.	"Veterinary technician" means an individual who is licensed to practice veterinary
	technology under this chapter.
	20.22. 21.23. 22.24. 23.25. 9.24.26.

1	28.30. "Veterinary technology" includes all branches or specialties of veterinary technology.		
2	29.31 "Veterinary telemedicine" means the virtual practice of veterinary medicine over the		
3		telecommunications infrastructure.	
4	SEC	CTION 2. A new section to chapter 43-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created	
5	and ena	cted as follows:	
6	Reg	uirements of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.	
7	<u>1.</u>	A veterinarian-client-patient relationship may not be established unless the	
8		veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the patient to initiate a general or preliminary	
9		diagnosis of the medical condition of the patient. To establish a veterinarian-client-	
10		patient relationship, the veterinarian must be personally acquainted with the keeping	
11		and care of the patient by virtue of a medically appropriate and timely in-person	
12		examination of the patient by the veterinarian, or by a timely in-person visit to the	
13		premises where the patient is managed or resides.	
14	<u>2.</u>	The veterinarian must be reasonably available for patient follow up care after a	
15		veterinarian-client-patient relationship is established.	
16	<u>3.</u>	The veterinarian shall provide oversight of patient treatment.	
17	<u>4.</u>	Patient records must be maintained according to rules promulgated by the board.	
18	<u>5.</u>	A veterinarian-client-patient relationship may not be established solely through	
19		veterinary telemedicine.	
20	<u>6.</u>	A veterinarian seeking consultation must maintain the veterinarian-client-patient	
21		relationship.	
22	<u>7.</u>	A veterinarian may terminate a veterinarian-client-patient relationship by notifying the	
23		client that the veterinarian no longer wishes to serve the patient and client.	
24	<u>8.</u>	The veterinarian shall refer the patient to another veterinarian for diagnosis, care, and	
25	trea	tment-provide medical records to the client or another veterinarian or foreign practitioner	
26	des	ignated by the client if the veterinarian-client-patient relationship has been terminated and an	
27	ong	oing medical or surgical condition exists. The veterinarian must allow the client a reasonable	
28	amo	ount of time to arrange care with another veterinarian unless the environment, patient, or client	
29	thre	atens the safety of the veterinarian or the staff.	
30	<u>9.</u>	A veterinarian who in good faith engages in the practice of veterinary medicine by	
31		rendering or attempting to render emergency care may not be subject to penalty	
32		based solely on the inability to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.	

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1	<u>10.</u>	The veterinarian-client-patient relationship may extend to all veterinarians within the
2		same practice with access to the patient records.
3	SEC	CTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 43-29-02 of the North Dakota Century
4	Code is	amended and reenacted as follows:
5	1.	The state board of veterinary medical examiners consists of five gubernatorially
6		appointed members. In appointing the board members, the governor shall appoint
7		three veterinarians, one veterinarian veterinary technician, and one individual
8		representing the public. In appointing the veterinarian members of the board, the
9		governor shall make an effort to appoint:
0		a. One veterinarian whose practice has a predominant focus on large animals;
11		b. One veterinarian whose practice has a predominant focus on small animals; and
12		c. One veterinarian whose practice focuses on both large and small animals.
13	SEC	CTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4	amende	d and reenacted as follows:
15	43-2	29-03. Officers of board - Seal - Meetings - Limitations on meetings -
16	Examin	ationsDuties of board - Rules - Code of ethics - Inspection of facilities -
17	Educati	onal requirements - Reciprocity Fees.
8	- 1.	The board shall elect a president and a secretary. The board shall have a seal, and
9		the president and the secretary may administer oathsvice president. The board shall
20		hold meetings semiannually in the spring and fall of each year for the
21		examinationapproval of candidates at a time and place specified by the
22		boardapplicants for licensure. The board may hold any other meeting it determines
23		necessary at the time and place it designates. No session of the board may exceed
24		two days. A quorum of the board consists of two members and such quorum is
25		sufficientmust be present to conduct the business and proceedings of the board,
26		except that any changes in the rules must be taken at a meeting at which all the
27		members are present.
28	2.	The board may adopt and enforce reasonable rules, and orders that it determines to
29		be necessary to the performance of its duties and the regulation of the practice of

veterinary medicine; establish standards for professional conduct, inspection of

facilities, and educational requirements for renewal and granting of licenses; prescribe

1		torms for application for examination; prepare and supervise examination of applicant			
2		for license to practice veterinary medicine; obtain the services of professional			
3		examination agencies in lieu of its own preparation of such examinations; and issue			
4		and revoke licenses as provided in this chapter. All rules must be submitted to the			
5		attorney general in accordance with chapter 28-32., veterinary technology, and			
6		veterinary telemedicine, including to:			
7		a. Establish standards for professional conduct and inspection of veterinary			
8		premises;			
9	F 14	b. Establish requirements for granting of licenses and temporary licenses;			
10		c. Establish requirements for renewal of licenses and continuing education;			
11		d. Prepare application forms for licensure and renewal;			
12		e. Administer the state board examination for qualified applicants;			
13		f. Obtain the services of professional examination agencies to administer national			
14		examinations; and			
15		g. Issue, suspend, revoke, or place on probationary status licenses and temporary			
16		licenses as provided in this chapter.			
17	<u>3.</u>	All rules must be submitted to the attorney general in accordance with chapter 28-32.			
18	3. <u>4.</u>	The board may, in its discretion, enter reciprocal agreements with the examining			
19		boards of other states and nations, governing the granting of licenses to practice			
20		veterinary medicine and surgery in this state without the applicant taking a written			
21		examination. Under no circumstances, however, may any reciprocal agreement be			
22		entered with the board of another state or nation unless the requirements for the			
23	a .	granting of licenses in the other state or nation are on an equal or higher standard to			
24		the requirements of this state. The board may prescribe by rule any other terms or			
25		conditions to be contained in the agreements. The board shall determine the fee for			
26		license by reciprocity agreement.shall set the following by rule:			
27		a. Application fee;			
28		b. License fee;			
29		c. Temporary license fee;			
30		d. Renewal fee;			
21		e Late renewal feet and			

1	f. Continuing education fee.
2	SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
3	amended and reenacted as follows:
4	43-29-04. Record of proceedings of board - Register of applicants kept by board -
5	Records and register as evidence.
6	The state board of veterinary medical examiners shall keep a record of all its proceedings
7	and a register of applicants for licenses showing the name of each applicant, the time spent by
8	each applicant in the study and practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry or
9	<u>veterinary technology</u> , and the name and location of the school, college, or university <u>program</u>
10	which granted the applicant a degree or diploma. Such books and records are prima facie
11	evidence of the matters recorded therein.
12	SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
13	amended and reenacted as follows:
14	43-29-05. Compensation and expenses of members of board.
15	Members of the board may receive for each day during which they are actually engaged in
16	the performance of the duties of their office such per diem as must be fixed by the board. They
17	may also be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses and meals and lodging expenses at the
18	same rate and in the same manner as are elected officials and employees of the state.
19	The board may select one of its members to attend the annual meeting of the national
20	organization of state examining boards. The member so selected may be reimbursed for
21	necessary travel expenses and meals and lodging expenses at the same rate and in the same
22	manner as are elected officials and employees of the state.
23	The board may incur no expense exceeding the sum received as fees, as hereinafter
24	provided.
25	SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
26	amended and reenacted as follows:
27	43-29-05.1. Executive secretary director.
28	The board may employ an executive secretary director and such other persons individuals as
29	it deems advisablenecessary to carry out the purpose of this chapter at such salaries as it may
30	determine.

Each biennium the executive secretary shall prepare the budget of the board for presentation to the executive office of the budget. The executive secretary shall also carry out all routine secretarial and other duties as directed by the board.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-29-06. Graduation from recognized school and certificate or permit from boardLicense required.

Only a graduate of the veterinary course offered in a veterinary school, college, or university recognized by the board, and who possesses a certificate of registrationAn individual must have a license or temporary license issued by the board which is in effect, may engage in the to practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-29-07. Application for license - Change of address - Display of certificate of registration Requirements for veterinarian licensure.

1. A person desiring

The board may grant 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 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 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.

2. Each veterinarian licensed by the board, whether a resident or not, shall notify the secretary of any change in that person's office address or employment within sixty days after the change has taken place. Any person licensed to practice veterinary

1		medicine after the fifteenth day of April, or any person issued a temporary permit to
2		practice veterinary medicine after that date, is exempt from this requirement to pay the
3		annual registration fee until the first day of July of the year following licensure.
4	3.	Registration is a condition precedent to the practice of veterinary medicine and
5		surgery in this state, and a certificate of registration currently in effect must be on
6		display at all times in the office of each veterinarian engaged in active practice.to an
7		applicant who:
8	<u>1.</u>	Is a graduate of an approved college of veterinary medicine or has completed an
9		equivalency program of veterinary medicine as established by the board by rule;
10	<u>2.</u>	Passes the national board examination and clinical competency test, or the North
11		American veterinary licensing examination;
12	<u>3.</u>	Passes the state board examination;
13	<u>4.</u>	Has no grounds for license refusal under section 43-29-14; and
14	<u>5.</u>	Meets any additional requirements for licensure established by the board by rule.
15	SEC	CTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16	amende	d and reenacted as follows:
17	43-2	29-07.1. Veterinary technicians - Examinations Requirements for veterinary
18	technic	ian licensure.
19	4.	An
20	The	board may grant a license to practice veterinary technology to an applicant for
21	licensure	e as a veterinary technician must have an examination date offered at least annually at
22	a time, p	place, and date determined by the board at least ninety days before the scheduled
23	examina	tion.
24	2.	An applicant for licensure as a veterinary technician must pass the veterinary
25		technician national examination with a score approved by the board.
26	3.	An applicant for licensure as a veterinary technician who has successfully passed the
27		veterinary technician national examination shall request that the applicant's
28		examination scores be forwarded to the board. An applicant is eligible for licensure
29		upon meeting the licensure requirements set by the board.who:
30	<u>1.</u>	Is a graduate of an approved program of veterinary technology or completed an
31		equivalency program of veterinary technology as established by the board by rule;

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- Passes the veterinary technician national examination;
- <u>3.</u> Passes the state board examination;
- 3 4. Has no grounds for license refusal under section 43-29-14; and
- 4 5. Meets any additional requirements for licensure established by the board by rule.
- SECTION 11. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 43-29-07.2. Examination - License without examination - Temporary permitlicense.

- The board shall hold at least two examinations a year. The board shall adopt rules governing preparation, administration, and grading of examinations. Examinations must be designed to test the examinee's knowledge of and proficiency in the subjects and techniques commonly taught in veterinary schools. To pass the examination, the examinee must demonstrate scientific and practical knowledge sufficient to prove competency to practice veterinary medicine in the judgment of the board. An examinee must be tested by written examination, supplemented by any oral interview and practical demonstration the board determines necessary. The board may adopt and use the examination prepared by the national board of veterinary medical examiners. After each examination, the board shall notify each examinee of the result of the examination, and the board shall issue a license to each person who passed the examination. The board shall record each new license and issue a certificate of registration to each new licensee. Any person failing an examination may be admitted to any subsequent examination on approval by the board and payment of the application fee.
 - 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;

1 Has within the three years immediately before filing the application successfully 2 completed the examinations provided by the national board of veterinary medical 3 examiners; or 4 Currently holds a license to practice in at least one state, has active diplomat C. 5 status in a specialty organization recognized by the American veterinary medical 6 association, and whose practice is limited to the certified specialty in the state in 7 which the specialist is licensed without examination. 8 3 The board may issue without examination a temporary permitlicense to practice 9 veterinary medicine in this state to: 10 A qualified applicant for license pending examination, if the temporary permit a. 11 expires the day after the notice of results of the first examination given after the 12 permit is issued. A temporary permit may not be issued to an applicant who 13 previously has failed the examination in this or any other state or a foreign 14 country. 15 b. A nonresident veterinarian validly licensed in another state or a foreign country 16 who pays the fee established and published by the board if the temporary permit 17 is issued for a period of no more than sixty days and no more than one permit is 18 issued to a person during each calendar year. 19 A senior veterinary student who practices in the office of and under the direct G. 20 supervision of a licensed veterinarian. A temporary student permit may not 21 exceed six months from its date of issuance and is granted without payment of a 22 fee. 23 d. A graduate of a nonaccredited college of veterinary medicine, who has 24 satisfactorily completed the fourth year of clinical study at an accredited or 25 approved college of veterinary medicine, has successfully passed the 26 examination provided by the national board of veterinary medical examiners, and 27 is enrolled in the educational commission for foreign veterinary graduates 28 program. The holder of a temporary permit issued under this subdivision must 29 practice under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. A temporary permit

issued under this subdivision is valid until the holder obtains a certificate or for

1		two years a qualified applicant who has met the requirements established by the			
2	board.				
3	SECTION 12. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-07.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is				
4	amende	d and reenacted as follows:			
5	43-2	9-07.3. LicenseVeterinarian - License renewal - Continuing education			
6	requirer	nents.			
7	1.	All licenses expire A veterinarian license expires annually as of July first but may be			
8		renewed by registration with the board and payment of the registration renewal fee			
9		established by the board. On June first of each year, the board shall mail a notice to			
10		each licensed veterinarian that the licensee's license will expire as of July first and			
11		provide the licensee with a form for registration. The board shall issue a new certificate			
12		of registration to a person reregistering under this section. Any person who willfully or			
13		by neglect fails to renew a license and who practices veterinary medicine after the			
14		expiration of the license is practicing in violation of this chapteron June thirtieth.			
15	<u>2.</u>	A veterinarian license may be renewed by submission of the following to the board, no			
16		later than June thirtieth:			
17		a. A complete renewal application;			
18		b. Payment of the renewal fee established by the board; and			
19		c. Proof of completion of board required continuing education.			
20	<u>3.</u>	An individual who neglects or willfully fails to renew a license and practices veterinary			
21		medicine after the expiration of the license, is practicing veterinary medicine in			
22		violation of this chapter.			
23	2.4 .	$ \underline{ \text{Any qualified person} \underline{ \text{An individual}} } \text{ may renew an expired license within } \underline{ \text{two}} \underline{ \text{five}} \text{ years of } \\$			
24		the date of its expiration by making written completing an application for renewal and.			
25		paying the current renewal fee plus all delinquent renewal fees, and completing all			
26		required continuing education. After twofive years have elapsed since the date of			
27		expiration, a license may not be renewed, but the holder may make application apply			
28		for a new license and take the license examination. The board may by rule waive the			
29		payment of the registration renewal fee of a licensed veterinarian during the period			
30		when the veterinarian is on active duty with any branch of the armed services of the			

United States, not to exceed the longer of three years or the duration of active duty.

1	3. <u>5.</u>	The board may adopt rules establishing requirements for the continuing education of
2		veterinarians and veterinary technicians. The board may refuse to renew or may
3		suspend, revoke, or place on probationary status any license issued under this
4		chapter upon proof the licenseeveterinarian has failed to meet the applicable
5		continuing education requirements. Applicants for accreditation of continuing
6		education courses, classes, or activities may be charged a reasonable fee determined
7		by the board.
8	SEC	CTION 13. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9	amende	d and reenacted as follows:
10	43-2	29-08.1. Veterinary technician - Renewal of license - Continuing education
11	require	ments.
12	1.	A license issued to a veterinary technician under this chapter expires license expires
13		annually on December thirty-first.
14	2.	A veterinary technician shall submit renewal fees and current mailing address
15		beforelicense may be renewed by submission of the following to the board, no later
16		than December thirty-first on an application form provided and mailed to the
17		licenseholder by the board:
18		a. A complete renewal application;
19		b. Payment of a renewal fee established by the board; and
20		c. Proof of completion of board required continuing education.
21	3.	A veterinary technician shall submit evidence of completion of required continuing
22		education credits in the veterinary field during the calendar year in order to apply for a
23		license renewalAn individual who neglects or willfully fails to renew a license and
24		practices veterinary technology after the expiration of the license, is practicing
25		veterinary technology in violation of this chapter.
26	4.	Failure to submit the appropriate An individual may renew an expired license renewal
27		fee every year results in forfeiture of all rights and privileges under this chapter and the
28		veterinary technician may not perform veterinary technician services unless the
29		veterinary technician pays a delinquency fee in addition to the licensewithin five years
30		of the date of its expiration by completing an application for renewal, paying the
31		current renewal fee plus all delinquent renewal fees, and completing all required

1		continuing education. After five years have elapsed since the date of expiration, a		
2		lice	nse may not be renewed, but the holder may apply for a new license.	
3	<u>5.</u>	The	board may refuse to renew or may suspend, revoke, or place on probationary	
4		stat	us any license issued under this chapter upon proof the veterinary technician has	
5		faile	ed to meet the applicable continuing education requirements.	
6	SEC	TIOI	N 14. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is	
7	amende	d and	d reenacted as follows:	
8	43-2	29-13	. Practices excepted from chapter Exceptions to the unlicensed practice of	
9	veterina	ary m	nedicine.	
10	<u>1.</u>	The	following persons individuals may not be considered to be engaging in the practice	
11		of v	eterinary medicine in this state:	
12	1.	<u>a.</u>	Those who administer to livestocktreat animals, the title to which rests in owned	
13			by themselves, or in their regular employer, except when the ownership of the	
14			animal was transferred or otherwise manipulated to avoid the requirements of	
15			this chapter, or those who perform gratuitous services.	
16	2.	<u>b.</u>	Anyone An individual who conducts experiments in scientific research in the	
17			development of methods, techniques, or treatment, directly or indirectly	
18			applicable to the problems of medicine, and who in connection with these	
19			activities uses animals.	
20	3.	<u>c.</u>	Anyone who is a regular A student enrolled in an accredited or approved college	
21			of veterinary medicine performing duties or actions assigned by an instructor or	
22			working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian during a school	
23			vacation period.	
24	4.	<u>d.</u>	Anyone licensed in another state or nation when An individual engaged in this	
25			state in consultation with veterinarians legally practicing herein.	
26	5.	<u>e.</u>	A senior student who is in an approved school of veterinary medicine and who	
27			obtains from the board a student permit to practice in the office and under the	
28			direct supervision of any veterinarian practicing within this state.	
29	6.	Any	An employee of the United States or this state while in the performance of duties	
30		as €	employeesan employee.	

1 7. f. Any A merchant or manufacturer selling nonprescription medicine, feed, an 2 appliance, or any other product used for use as labeled in the prevention or 3 treatment of animal diseases. 4 8. Any veterinary technician or other An employee of a licensed veterinarian g. 5 performing duties under the direction andor supervision of the veterinarian 6 responsible for the technician's or other employee's performance, except the 7 following duties: 8 Performing surgery; (1)9 (2)Diagnosing: 10 (3)Prognosing; or 11 (4)Prescribing. 12 9. h. Any member of the faculty of an accredited college of veterinary medicine 13 performing regular functions or a personAn individual lecturing or giving 14 instructions or demonstrations at an accredited college of veterinary medicine or 15 within the individual's area of professional expertise in connection with a an approved-16 continuing education course or seminar. 17 Any personAn individual selling or applying any pesticide, insecticide, or 10. i. 18 herbicide. 19 11. İ. AnyAn individual who is not a graduate of a foreignan approved college of 20 veterinary medicine who, and is in the process of obtaining a certificate and is 21 enrolled in an equivalency program of veterinary medicine as approved by the 22 board, performing duties or actions assigned by the graduate's instructors an 23 instructor in an accredited approved college of veterinary medicine. 24 12. Any personAn individual performing a direct embryo transfer procedure on a k. 25 recipient cow. Except as provided in this subsection, a personan individual 26 performing a direct embryo transfer procedure on a recipient cow may not 27 administer prescription drugs to the cow during, or as part of, the procedure. The 28 owner of the recipient cow, however, may administer or cause the administration 29 of prescription drugs to the recipient cow during, or as part of, the procedure if a 30 veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists as prescribed by a veterinarian. 31 1. An individual who administers medication or treatment as prescribed by a 32 veterinarian.

1		<u>m.</u>	An individual who performs gratuitous services for an animal in a life-threatening
2			situation.
3			n. An individual who engages in any of these acts as long as the individual is not
4			diagnosing, prescribing, or treating a condition that has not been previously
5			diagnosed by a veterinarian who has referred the animal for treatment:
6			(1) Grooming;
7			(2) Training or conditioning;
8			(3) Horseshoeing or farrier work;
9			(4) Massage therapy or acupressure;
10			(5) Microchip implantation; or
11			(6) An accepted livestock management practice.
12	<u>2.</u>	This	s section may not be construed to protect individuals from animal cruelty laws in
13		this	state.
14	SEC	CTIO	N 15. A new section to chapter 43-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
15	and enacted as follows:		
16	Exceptions to unlicensed practice of veterinary technology.		
17	<u>1.</u>	The	following individuals may not be considered to be engaging in the practice of
18		vete	erinary technology in this state:
19		<u>a.</u>	An individual who treats an animal owned by the individual or the individual's
20			regular employer, except when ownership of the animal was transferred or
21			otherwise manipulated to avoid the requirements of this chapter.
22		<u>b.</u>	An individual who conducts experiments in scientific research in the development
23			of methods, techniques, or treatment, directly or indirectly applicable to the
24			problems of medicine, and who in connection with these activities uses animals.
25		<u>C.</u>	A student enrolled in an approved program of veterinary technology performing
26			duties or actions assigned by an instructor or working under the direct
27			supervision of a veterinarian.
28		<u>d.</u>	An employee of the United States or this state while in the performance of duties
29			as employees.
30		<u>e.</u>	An employee of a veterinarian performing duties under the direction or
31			supervision of the veterinarian responsible for the employee's performance.
32		<u>f.</u>	An individual lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations within the

	An individual who performs gratuitous services for an animal in a life-threatening ividual's area of professional expertise in connection with an approved a continuing	
education course or seminar.		
<u>g.</u>	An individual who is not a graduate of an approved program of veterinary	
	technology, enrolled in an equivalency program of veterinary technology as	
	approved by the board, performing duties or actions assigned by an instructor in	
	an approved program of veterinary technology.	
<u>h.</u>	An individual who administers medication or treatment as prescribed by a	
	veterinarian.	
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1		<u>i.</u>	
2			i. An individual who performs gratuitous services for an animal in a life-threatening
3			situation.
4	<u>2.</u>	This	s section may not be construed to protect individuals from animal cruelty laws in
5		<u>this</u>	state.
6	SEC	CTIO	N 16. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7	amende	d and	d reenacted as follows:
8	43-2	29-14	. Refusal, suspension, and revocation of license and certificate -
9	Reinsta	teme	ent and relicense.
10	1.	The	state board of veterinary medical examiners may refuse to issue a license or
11		cert	ificate of registrationtemporary license, or may suspend or revoke a license and
12		cert	ificate of registrationor temporary license, upon any of the following grounds:
13		a.	Fraud or deception in procuring the license, including conduct that violates the
14			security or integrity of any licensing examination.
15		b.	The use of advertising or solicitation that is false, misleading, or otherwise
16			determined unprofessional under rules adopted by the board.
17		C.	Habitual intemperance in the use of intoxicating liquors, or habitual addiction to
18			the use of morphine, cocaine, or other habit-forming drugsAn individual is
19			determined to be an impaired veterinarian as defined by section 43-29.01.1 or an
20			impaired veterinary technician as defined by section 43-29-01.1.
21		d.	Immoral, unprofessional, or dishonorable conduct manifestly disqualifying the
22			licenseeveterinarian or veterinary technician from practicing veterinary medicine
23			or veterinary technology.
24		e.	Incompetence, gross negligence, or other malpractice in the practice of
25			veterinary medicine or veterinary technology.
26		f.	Employment of unlicensed persons individuals to perform work that under this
27			chapter can lawfully be done only by persons individuals licensed to practice
28			veterinary medicine or veterinary technology.
29		g.	Fraud or dishonest conduct in applying or reporting diagnostic biological tests,
30			inspecting foodstuffs, or in issuing health certificates regulatory documents.
31		h.	Failure of the licensee to keep the premises and equipment used in the licensee's
32			practice in a reasonably clean and sanitary condition and failure to use

1		reasonably sanitary methods in the practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary
2		technology.
3	i.	Violation of the rules adopted by the board.
4	j.	Conviction of an offense determined by the board to have a direct bearing upon a
5		person's<u>the</u> ability <u>of an individual</u> to serve the public as a veterinarian <u>or</u>
6		veterinary technician, or when the board determines, following conviction of any
7		offense, that a personan individual is not sufficiently rehabilitated under section
8		12.1-33-02.1.
9	k.	Willful or repeated violations of this chapter or any rule adopted by the board.
10	1.	Failure to report, as required by law, or making false report of, any contagious or
11		infectious disease.
12	m.	Cruelty to animals as defined under chapter 36-21.2.
13	n.	Revocation of a license to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology
14		by another statejurisdiction on grounds other than nonpayment of a
15		registrationrenewal fee.
16	0.	The use, prescription, or dispensing of any veterinary prescription drug, or the
17		prescription or extra-label use of any over-the-counter drug, in the absence of a
18		valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship, except as provided by section
19		43-29-19.
20	2. An	y personAn individual whose license has been revoked may apply to the board for
21	rei	nstatement and relicensure one year after the date of revocation. The board may
22	rei	ssue a license if the board is satisfied the applicant is qualified to practice veterinary
23	me	edicine or veterinary technology, meets the existing requirements for licensure, and
24	wil	I comply with the rules regarding the practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary
25	<u>tec</u>	chnology.
26	SECTIO	N 17. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is
27	amended ar	nd reenacted as follows:
28	43-29-1	5. Complaints - Investigations.
29	1. Ar	y personAn individual may file a written complaint with the board setting forth the
30	sp	ecific charges upon which the complaint is made. Upon receiving a complaint, the
31	bo	ard shall notify the veterinarian <u>or veterinary technician</u> of the complaint and request

- a written response from the veterinarian <u>or veterinary technician</u>. The board may adopt rules establishing a peer review committee for the purpose of investigating complaints and providing recommendations to the board. A veterinarian <u>or veterinary technician</u> who is the subject of an investigation by the board shall cooperate fully with the investigation. Cooperation includes responding fully and promptly to any reasonable question raised by or on behalf of the board relating to the subject of the investigation and providing copies of records when reasonably requested by the board. <u>Failure to cooperate in the investigative process may be grounds for disciplinary action against the veterinarian or veterinary technician.</u>
- 2. To pursue the investigation, the board may subpoena and examine witnesses and records, including medical records, copy, photograph, or take samples. The board may require the veterinarian to give statements under eath, to submit to a physical or psychological examination, or both, by a physician or other qualified evaluation professional selected by the board if it appears to be in the best interest of the public that this evaluation be secured. After review of the complaint, the veterinarian's response, and information obtained in the investigation, the board shall determine if there is a reasonable basis to believe the allegations are true and that the allegations constitute a violation of this chapter or the rules of the board. If the board determines there is a reasonable basis to believe the allegations are true and the allegations constitute a violation of this chapter or the rules of the board, the board shall take appropriate action. If a reasonable basis is not found by the board, the board shall notify the complaining party and the veterinarian in writing:
 - <u>Subpoena and examine witnesses, records, medical records, copy, photograph,</u>
 <u>or take samples;</u>
 - <u>b.</u> Require the veterinarian or veterinary technician to give statements under oath;
 - c. Require the veterinarian or veterinary technician to submit to a physical examination, chemical dependency evaluation, or psychological examination by a physician or other qualified evaluation professional selected by the board if there is reasonable cause to believe the veterinarian or veterinary technician is impaired as defined by 43-29-01.1; or

1		<u>a.</u> <u>R</u>	equire the veterinarian or veterinary technician to enroll in a treatment or
2		<u>m</u>	onitoring program approved by the board if the board determines in good faith
3		<u>eı</u>	prollment would be beneficial to the veterinarian or veterinary technician or to
4		pı	rotect the public. The board may adopt rules as necessary to
5		Ca	arry into effect the provisions of this section.
6-	11	(1) Failure to satisfactorily undergo an examination or enroll in a treatment and
7_		T X :	monitoring program must be reported to the board by the treating
8-			professional.
9		(2	The veterinarian or veterinary technician shall consent to the approved
10			evaluation, examination, or the progress of the treatment or monitoring
11_			program, at such intervals the board deems necessary.
12		(3) The treating professional may release examination information, or treatment
13			and monitoring program information, to the board so the board may
14			evaluate the results of the examination or the progress and effectiveness of
15			the treatment or monitoring program.
16		(4	Absent a release on file from the veterinarian or veterinary technician, all
17			records released to the board are confidential and are not public records.
18		(5	The veterinarian or veterinary technician must be responsible for all
19			expenses related to evaluation and treatment.
20	<u>3.</u>	After re	eview of the complaint, the response from the veterinarian or veterinary
21		technic	cian, and information obtained in the investigation, the board shall determine if
22		there is	s a reasonable basis to believe the allegations are true and if the allegations
23		constit	ute a violation of this chapter or the rules of the board. If the board determines
24		there is	s a reasonable basis to believe the allegations are true and the allegations
25		constit	ute a violation of this chapter or the rules of the board, the board shall take
26		approp	riate action. If a reasonable basis is not found by the board, the board shall
27		notify t	he complaining party and the veterinarian or veterinary technician in writing.
28	<u>4.</u>	<u>Unless</u>	the board proceeds with a disciplinary action, the complaint, the response, and
29		any red	cords received by the board during an investigation of a complaint under this
30		section	are exempt records, as defined in section 44-04-17.1.
31	<u>5.</u>	A veter	inarian or veterinary technician shall report in good faith any impaired
32		veterin	arian or impaired veterinary technician as defined by 43-29-01.1.

- 1 SECTION 18. A new section to chapter 43-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
- 2 and enacted as follows:
- 3 Self-reporting and self-referral.
- 4 1. A veterinarian or veterinary technician may voluntarily self-report or self-refer to a treatment or
- 5 monitoring program approved or contracted by the board to seek assistance for a potential or
- 6 existing impairment due to a mental health or substance use disorder.
- 7 2. A veterinarian or veterinary technician who under this section voluntarily seeks the assistance
- 8 of a treatment or monitoring program in assessing or treating a potential or existing impairment
- 9 will not be reported to the board solely on the basis of self-reporting or self-referral.
- 10 3. The identity of the veterinarian or veterinarian technician and findings of the evaluation shall
- 11 only be reported to the board in the following instances:
- 12 a. A veterinarian or veterinary technician refuses to undergo an evaluation by the program;
- 13 b. The evaluation reveals evidence of an impairment that could affect the ability of the
- 14 veterinarian or veterinary technician to practice or constitutes a threat to the safety of patients or
- 15 the public; or
- 16 c. The veterinarian or veterinarian technician refuses to cooperate with the treatment plan,
- 17 monitoring and follow-up, or aftercare directed by the program, including any recommendation
- 18 about current continuation in practice.
- 4. Participation in the program does not protect a veterinarian or veterinarian technician from
- 20 disciplinary action resulting from a complaint.
- 21 5. A veterinarian or veterinary technician who self-reports or self-refers to the board for a
- 22 potential or existing impairment may be referred by the board to a treatment or monitoring
- 23 program in a manner prescribed by the board by rule, and subsequent reporting by the program
- 24 to the board shall be at the discretion and in the manner prescribed by the board.
- 25 6. A veterinarian or veterinary technician who has completed a treatment program and is in full
- 26 compliance with all facets of the treatment or monitoring plan and aftercare, may answer in the
- 27 negative on any question on the application to the board for licensure or licensure renewal
- 28 regarding current impairment by the condition for which the veterinarian or veterinary technician
- 29 completed treatment. However, any recurrence of the impairment or the existence of
- 30 other potential impairments that are not currently known to the program must be

- 31 reported on the application.
- 32 7. Notwithstanding section 44-04-18, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all records
- 33 related to participation in a treatment or monitoring program established under this section which
- 34 contain identifying information about a veterinarian or veterinarian technician are confidential and
- 35 may only be disclosed in the following instances:
- 36 a. Disclosure is reasonably necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes of intervention,
- 37 rehabilitation, referral assistance, or support services;
- 38 b. Disclosure is required by law in a legal or administrative hearing or requested by the board for
- 39 formal disciplinary action;
- 40 c. Disclosure is necessary regarding noncompliance with the program by a veterinarian or
- 41 veterinary technician;
- 42 d. A staff member that is handling records for administrative purposes as provided under this
- 43 section; or
- 44 e. A person is engaged by the treatment or monitoring program to perform evaluations,
- 45 monitoring, or follow-up.
- 46 8. A person in attendance at any meeting of a treatment or monitoring program may not be
- 47 required to testify as to the content of any findings, committee discussion, or proceedings, unless
- 48 requested by the board for a disciplinary proceeding or regarding participant noncompliance with
- 49 the program.
- 50 SECTION 19. A new section to chapter 43-29 of the North Dakota Century
- 51 Code is created and enacted as follows:
- 52 **Immunity from liability.**
- 53 The following individuals must be immune from liability in any civil or criminal proceeding
- 54 brought against the individual for any action occurring while the individual was acting in good
- 55 faith within the scope of the individual's respective capacity:
- 1. A member of the board:
- 57 <u>2. A member of a peer review committee;</u>
- 58 <u>3. A witness testifying in a proceeding or hearing authorized under this chapter or</u>
 59 <u>administrative proceeding held under chapter 28-32;</u>
- 4. A treating professional:
- 61 <u>5.</u> An individual who files a complaint pursuant to this Act; and
- 62 <u>6. An individual reporting an impaired veterinarian or impaired veterinary technician as</u>

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14	defined by 43-29-01.1.	
15	SECTION 19 SECTION 20. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 43-	29-16 of the North
16	Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:	
17	7 2. In any order or decision issued by the board in which disciplinary a	action is imposed
18	against a licenseeveterinarian or veterinary technician, the board r	may direct the
19	9 licenseeveterinarian or veterinary technician to pay the board a su	m not to exceed the
20	o reasonable and actual costs, including attorney's fees, incurred by	the board in the
21	1 investigation and prosecution of the case. When applicable, the lie	ensee's license <u>or</u>
22	<u>temporary license of the veterinarian or veterinary technician</u> may	be suspended until
23	the costs are paid to the board.	
24	4 SECTION 20 SECTION 21. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29-16.1 of the N	lorth Dakota Century
25	Code is amended and reenacted as follows:	
26	6 43-29-16.1. Abandonment of animals by ownerclient - Disposal of r	emains.
27	 Any animal placed in the custody of a licensed doctor of veterinary 	<i>t</i>
28	8 medicineveterinarian for treatment, boarding, or other care, which	is abandoned by its

owner or its owner's agentthe client for a period of more than ten days after a written

notice, by registered or certified letter, return receipt requested, is given mailed to the

owner or its owner's agent<u>client</u> at the last-known address, may be turned over to the

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enacted as follows:

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1	SEC	CTION 24 SECTION 25. A new section to chapter 43-29 of the North Dakota Century		
2	Coc	Code is created and enacted as follows:		
3	<u>Vet</u>	Veterinary telemedicine - Teleadvice and teletriage.		
4	<u>1. A</u>	1. A veterinarian may practice must establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship		
5	by v	rirtue of a medically appropriate and timely in-person examination of the patient by		
6	the	veterinarian, or by a timely in-person visit to the premises where the patient is		
7	mar	naged or resides before the provision of veterinary telemedicine if; services.		
8—	<u>а.</u> Т	he veterinarian has established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship before the		
9_	prov	vision of veterinary telemedicine services;		
10	b. T	he veterinarian employs sound professional judgement to determine whether the use of		
11	vete	erinary telemedicine is medically appropriate;		
12	с. Т	he veterinarian obtains appropriate consent from the client;		
13	d. T	d. The veterinarian conducts all necessary patient evaluations consistent with currently		
14	acc	acceptable standards of care;		
15	e. T	he veterinarian maintains patient records according to rules promulgated by the board;		
16	f. TI	ne veterinarian ensures the client is aware of the veterinarian's identity, location, license		
17	nun	nber, and licensure status.		
18	<u>2.</u>	The provision of teleadvice or teletriage by a veterinarian does not require the prior		
19		establishment of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.		
20	<u>3.</u>	A veterinary technician may perform teleadvice and teletriage without instructions from		
21		a veterinarian.		
22		4. The board may adopt rules as necessary to carry into effect the		
23		provisions of this section.		
24	SEC	CTION 25 SECTION 26. A new section to chapter 43-29 of the North Dakota Century		
25	Cod	le is created and enacted as follows:		
26	Sou	irce of data.		
27	The	board shall be authorized to rely upon the expertise of and verified data gathered and		
28	stored b	y not for profit organizations that share in the public protection mission of the board		
29	includin	g the American association of veterinary state boards to make determinations under this		
30	chapter	and to promote uniformity and administrative efficiencies.		
31	SECTIO	N 27. A new section to chapter 43-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and		

- 33 Location of the practice of veterinary medicine.
- The provision of veterinary services to a patient in this state which fall within the standard of the
- 35 practice of veterinary medicine regulated by the board, regardless of the means by which the
- 36 services are provided or the physical location of the person providing those services, constitutes
- 37 the practice of veterinary medicine in this state and is subject to regulation by the board.
- 38 SECTION 28. A New section to chapter 43-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
- 39 enacted as follows:
- 40 Indirect practice without a license for foreign practitioners.
- 41 A foreign practitioner may provide veterinary services in this state which fall within the scope of
- 42 practice designated by the foreign practitioner's license and by this title without obtaining a
- 43 license from the board if the services are provided through telehealth and are a continuation of a
- 44 previously established veterinarian-client-patient relationship which was established in the
- 45 jurisdiction in which the foreign practitioner is currently licensed.
- 46 SECTION 29. REPEAL. Sections 43-29-09, 43-29-10, 43-29-11, and 43-29-12.1 of
- 47 the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

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