

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERINARY LICENSE APPLICATION FEES; AMENDING SECTION 54-2107,
IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT SPECIFIED FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE AND TO RE-
MOVE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE RETURN OF CERTAIN FEES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-2107, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

54-2107. LICENSE APPLICATION -- CONTENTS -- FEE. Any person desiring
a license to practice veterinary medicine in this state shall make written
application to the board and shall bear the burden of substantiating to the
board the license application requirements. To apply for a veterinary li-
cense, the applicant shall complete the "application for licensure to prac-
tice veterinary medicine and surgery" available from the board office. A
completed application shall contain the applicant's notarized signature and
shall include:

(1) A copy of a birth certificate or current passport proving that the
applicant is twenty-one (21) years of age or more.

(2) Notarized affidavits issued during the year preceding licensure
from two (2) veterinarians currently licensed and in good standing in any
state attesting to the fact that the applicant is of good moral character.

(3) A certified copy of a veterinary school diploma or transcript from
an accredited or approved school of veterinary medicine or a letter from
an accredited or approved school of veterinary medicine verifying satis-
factory graduation by the applicant or, if a graduate of a nonaccredited or
nonapproved school, a letter from the educational commission for foreign
veterinary graduates (ECFVG) certifying completion of the ECFVG program or
a copy of the ECFVG certificate or by completion of any educational equiv-
alency program established for the purpose of evaluating an individual's
educational knowledge and clinical skills as they relate to the practice of
veterinary medicine, and as approved and outlined by the rules of the board.

(4) Passing scores on the national examinations developed by the na-
tional board examination committee, its designee or any other examination
committee or organization approved by the board, including, but not lim-
ited to: the national board examination (NBE) and the clinical competency
test (CCT), or the north American veterinary licensing examination (NAVLE),
which may be taken in any state.

(5) After November 1, 2000, applicants who have taken their national
examinations prior to this date and have not taken and passed the clinical
competency test (CCT) may, in lieu of a passing score on the CCT, provide the
following documentation from the licensing board in the state in which they
are currently actively practicing or from the veterinary information veri-
fying agency of the American association of veterinary state boards:

1 (a) Verification of seven (7) years of continuous, active practice in
2 the same state or states where they have practiced for the past seven (7)
3 years immediately preceding application for licensure in this state,
4 and provided that the requirements for licensure in the state or states
5 are similar to those in Idaho; and

6 (b) Verification of no disciplinary action taken against the appli-
7 cant's license to practice veterinary medicine during the same seven
8 (7) year period immediately preceding application for a veterinary li-
9 cense in this state.

10 (c) The practice of applicants licensed under this provision will be
11 limited to the same fields of veterinary medicine as they have practiced
12 in another state or states during the seven (7) year period immediately
13 preceding application for a veterinary license in this state.

14 (6) A passing score of at least ninety percent (90%) correct on the
15 Idaho jurisprudence examination.

16 (7) Written verification of license in good standing from the licensing
17 organization in any state or states in which the applicant has held a license
18 or as provided by the veterinary information verifying agency of the Ameri-
19 can association of veterinary state boards.

20 (8) The license application fee and first year's license fee in the
21 amount established in the rules adopted by the board. All such fees are non-
22 refundable.

23 (9) Any additional information that the board may request.

24 (10) Application materials will be valid and maintained at the board of-
25 fice for a period of one (1) year.

26 The board will review applications and issue licenses in January and
27 June of each year. Applicants shall have their completed applications at the
28 board office by the first day of January or June, except as specified in other
29 sections of this chapter or by board rule. If an applicant is found not qual-
30 ified, the board shall immediately notify the applicant in writing of such
31 finding and the grounds therefor. An applicant denied licensure may request
32 a hearing pursuant to the procedures set forth in chapter 52, title 67, Idaho
33 Code. ~~Any applicant who is denied licensure shall be allowed the return of~~
34 ~~the license fee portion of the application fee.~~

35 ~~Any applicant taking and passing the Idaho jurisprudence examination~~
36 ~~and not wanting to be licensed at the next review by the board, shall be al-~~
37 ~~lowed the return of the license fee portion of the application fee only.~~