

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 464

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERINARIANS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2107, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO AN UNLIMITED TIME LIMIT IN WHICH CERTAIN EXAMINATIONS MAY BE TAKEN AND PASSED BY APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE.

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 license, the applicant shall complete the "application for licensure to practice 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 satisfactory 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 equivalency 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 national board examination committee, its designee or any other examination committee or organization approved by the board, including, but not limited 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 ~~at any time (no time limit)~~.

(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

1 they are currently actively practicing or from the veterinary information
2 verifying agency of the American association of veterinary state boards:

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

8 (b) Verification of no disciplinary action taken against the
9 applicant's license to practice veterinary medicine during the
10 same seven (7) year period immediately preceding application for a
11 veterinary license in this state.

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

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

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

22 (8) The license application fee and first year's license fee in the
23 amount established in the rules adopted by the board.

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

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

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

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