

# HOUSE BILL No. 1021

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-31.

**Synopsis:** Horse racing veterinarians. Amends the definition of "veterinarian" to allow a veterinary practitioner who: (1) holds a special permit issued by the board of veterinary medical examiners; or (2) is exempt from licensing and special permit requirements and is appointed by the horse racing commission; to take or supervise the taking of biological samples from race horses.

**Effective:** July 1, 2022.

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January 4, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning gaming.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-31-2-24 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 24. "Veterinarian"  
3 means a veterinary practitioner who: ~~is:~~  
4 (1) **either:**  
5 (A) **holds a license or a special permit issued by the Indiana**  
6 **board of veterinary medical examiners licensed to practice**  
7 **veterinary medicine in Indiana; or**  
8 (B) **is:**  
9 (i) **exempt from the licensing and special permit**  
10 **requirements of IC 25-38.1-3 (as described in**  
11 **IC 25-38.1-3-1(b)); and**  
12 (ii) **appointed by the commission under**  
13 **IC 4-31-12-6(a)(1) to take or supervise the taking of**  
14 **biological samples; and**  
15 (2) **is authorized by the holder of a permit to practice at a**  
16 **racetrack.**  
17 SECTION 2. IC 4-31-12-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-2019,



1 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 6. (a) The commission:

3 (1) shall appoint, at its cost, a veterinarian ~~licensed to practice in~~  
4 ~~Indiana~~ to take or supervise the taking of biological samples  
5 under section 5 of this chapter;

6 (2) shall approve a laboratory for the analysis of a biological  
7 sample taken under section 5 of this chapter; and

8 (3) may require that a biological sample taken under section 5 of  
9 this chapter be analyzed.

10 (b) The cost of analyzing the biological samples shall be borne by  
11 the commission.

12 (c) The commission may appoint, at its cost, veterinarians or other  
13 persons to supervise all activities in the state testing barn area and to  
14 supervise the practice of veterinary medicine at all racetracks in  
15 Indiana.

16 (d) The commission shall employ or contract for assistants to aid in  
17 securing biological samples at each racetrack. These assistants shall  
18 have free access, under the supervision of the commission's  
19 veterinarian, to the state testing barn area. The permit holder shall, in  
20 the manner prescribed by the rules of the commission, reimburse the  
21 commission for the salaries and other expenses of the assistants who  
22 serve at the permit holder's racetrack.

