

HOUSE BILL No. 1289

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-38.1-1; IC 25-38.1-3.

Synopsis: Veterinary education equivalence. Provides that for purposes of obtaining and renewing a veterinarian license, the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence is considered an approved educational program. Requires the board of veterinary medical examiners to amend rules to make conforming changes.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

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~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2013 Regular Session and 2013 First Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-38.1-1-10.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 10.7. "PAVE certificate" refers**
- 4 **to a Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education**
- 5 **Equivalence certificate issued by the American Association of**
- 6 **Veterinary State Boards, indicating that the holder has**
- 7 **demonstrated knowledge and skill equivalent to that possessed by**
- 8 **a graduate of an accredited college of veterinary medicine.**
- 9 SECTION 2. IC 25-38.1-1-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
- 10 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 11 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 14. "Veterinarian" means an individual who:
- 12 (1) was a licensed veterinarian on August 31, 1979; ~~or who~~
- 13 (2) has received a professional degree from an accredited college
- 14 of veterinary medicine;
- 15 (3) holds an ECFVG certificate; or
- 16 (4) holds a PAVE certificate.



1 SECTION 3. IC 25-38.1-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.177-2009,
2 SECTION 59, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) A person may not practice veterinary
4 medicine in Indiana unless the person:

- 5 (1) is licensed as a veterinarian in Indiana; or
6 (2) holds a special permit issued by the board.

7 (b) The following persons are exempt from the licensing or special
8 permit requirements of this chapter:

9 (1) A veterinarian on the faculty of the School of Veterinary
10 Medicine at Purdue University performing regular duties, or a
11 veterinarian employed by the animal disease diagnostic laboratory
12 established by IC 21-46-3-1 performing regular duties.

13 (2) A veterinary medical officer serving in the United States
14 armed forces or veterinarian employed by a federal, state, or local
15 government agency performing veterinary medical services that
16 are within the scope of official duties and are performed during
17 the period of the person's service.

18 (3) An individual who is a regular student in an accredited college
19 of veterinary medicine performing duties or actions assigned by
20 the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue
21 University or working under the direct supervision of a licensed
22 veterinarian.

23 (4) An extern.

24 (5) A veterinarian who is licensed and is a resident in another
25 state or country and consults with a veterinarian licensed under
26 this article.

27 (6) An owner or a contract operator of an animal or a regular
28 employee of the owner or a contract operator caring for and
29 treating an animal, except where the ownership of the animal was
30 transferred for purposes of circumventing this chapter.

31 (7) A guest lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at
32 the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University, or
33 elsewhere, in connection with a continuing education program.

34 (8) An individual while engaged in bona fide scientific research
35 that:

36 (A) reasonably requires experimentation involving animals;
37 and

38 (B) is conducted in a facility or with a company that complies
39 with federal regulations regarding animal welfare.

40 (9) A graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine who is
41 in the process of obtaining an ECFVG certificate **or PAVE**
42 **certificate** and who is under the direct supervision of:



- 1 (A) the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue
 2 University; or
 3 (B) a veterinarian licensed under this article.
 4 (10) A veterinarian who is enrolled in a postgraduate instructional
 5 program in an accredited college of veterinary medicine
 6 performing duties or actions assigned by the faculty of the School
 7 of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University.
 8 (11) A member in good standing of another licensed or regulated
 9 profession within Indiana who:
 10 (A) provides assistance requested by a veterinarian licensed
 11 under this article;
 12 (B) acts with the consent of the client;
 13 (C) acts within a veterinarian-client-patient relationship; and
 14 (D) acts under the direct or indirect supervision of the licensed
 15 veterinarian.

16 SECTION 4. IC 25-38.1-3-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008,
 17 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. To become a licensed veterinarian, a person
 19 must:

- 20 (1) not have a conviction for a crime that has a direct bearing on
 21 the person's ability to practice ethically and competently;
 22 (2) not have committed an act that would have been a violation of
 23 IC 25-1-9-4 or IC 25-1-9-6;
 24 (3) pay the fees required under this article;
 25 (4) have successfully:
 26 (A) completed a program in veterinary medicine from an
 27 accredited college of veterinary medicine; ~~and~~ **or**
 28 **(B) received an ECFVG certificate or a PAVE certificate;**
 29 **and**
 30 (5) have successfully completed the examinations described in
 31 section 4 of this chapter or qualify for a license without
 32 examination under section 5 of this chapter.

33 However, a person who was licensed as a veterinarian in Indiana on
 34 August 31, 1979, is not required to meet the requirements of
 35 subdivision (4) or (5).

36 SECTION 5. IC 25-38.1-3-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
 37 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 38 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this subsection, "term" refers to
 39 an academic semester, trimester, or quarter. A person desiring a license
 40 to practice veterinary medicine shall make written application to the
 41 board. The application must state that the applicant: ~~is:~~

- 42 (1) ~~is~~ a graduate of an accredited college of veterinary medicine;



1 or

2 (2) is enrolled in the last term of the last year of the veterinary
3 medical curriculum of an accredited school of veterinary
4 medicine;

5 (3) holds an ECFVG certificate; or

6 (4) holds a PAVE certificate.

7 If the applicant is enrolled as a last term student as described in
8 subdivision (2), a letter from the dean of the student's veterinary school
9 confirming that the applicant is a last term student, attesting to the
10 satisfactory academic standing of the student, and stating the date on
11 which the degree is expected to be conferred upon the student must
12 accompany the application. A license to practice veterinary medicine
13 in Indiana may not be issued until satisfactory proof has been furnished
14 to the board either that the applicant has graduated from an accredited
15 college of veterinary medicine or that the applicant is the holder of an
16 Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG)
17 certificate or a Program for the Assessment of Veterinary
18 Education Equivalence (PAVE) certificate. The application must
19 show reasonable information and proof required by the board by rule.
20 The application must be accompanied by the required fee.

21 (b) If the board determines that the applicant possesses the proper
22 qualifications, the board may grant the applicant a license. If the board
23 determines that the applicant is not qualified to take the examination
24 or that the applicant does not qualify for a license without examination,
25 the executive secretary of the board shall immediately notify the
26 applicant in writing of the finding and the grounds for the finding.
27 Applicants found unqualified may request a hearing on the question of
28 their qualifications.

29 SECTION 6. IC 25-38.1-3-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
30 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
31 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. The board may issue a license without an
32 examination to a qualified applicant who:

33 (1) furnishes satisfactory proof that the applicant:

34 (A) is a graduate of an accredited college of veterinary
35 medicine; or

36 (B) holds an Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary
37 Graduates (ECFVG) certificate or a Program for the
38 Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE)
39 certificate;

40 (2) for the five (5) years immediately preceding filing an
41 application has been a practicing veterinarian licensed in a state,
42 territory, or district of the United States that has license



1 requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of this
2 chapter; and
3 (3) otherwise meets the requirements of this chapter.
4 SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014] **(a) Before September**
5 **1, 2014, the Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners shall**
6 **amend 888 IAC 1.1-6-1 and 888 IAC 1.1-7-1 to include holders of**
7 **a Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education**
8 **Equivalence (PAVE) certificate as qualified applicants as provided**
9 **by this act.**
10 **(b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2015.**

