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## SENATE BILL No. 226

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DIGEST OF SB 226 (Updated January 13, 2020 11:54 am - DI 133)

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-38.1.

**Synopsis:** Equine dentistry. Provides that an individual who performs teeth floating on horses is exempt from the licensing or special permit requirements of the veterinary medicine laws if the individual has a valid certification from the International Association of Equine Dentistry or an equivalent certification approved by the board of veterinary medicine and acts under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian when administering a sedative drug to a horse before performing teeth floating on the horse. Specifies that an individual who performs teeth floating may not administer a sedative drug to a horse before performing teeth floating on the horse unless the individual administers the sedative drug to the horse under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

**Effective:** July 1, 2020.

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January 6, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.  
January 13, 2020, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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~~.

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 2019 Regular 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 25-38.1-1-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: **Sec. 13.5. "Teeth floating" means the**  
4 **removal of enamel points and the smoothing, contouring, and**  
5 **leveling of dental arcades and incisors of horses.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 25-38.1-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2014,  
7 SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
8 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. (a) A person may not practice veterinary  
9 medicine in Indiana unless the person:

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

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

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

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

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

(4) An extern.

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

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

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

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

(A) reasonably requires experimentation involving animals; and

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

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

(A) the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University; or

(B) a veterinarian licensed under this article.

(10) A veterinarian who is enrolled in a postgraduate instructional program in an accredited college of veterinary medicine performing duties or actions assigned by the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University.

(11) A member in good standing of another licensed or regulated profession within Indiana who:

(A) provides assistance requested by a veterinarian licensed under this article;

(B) acts with the consent of the client;



(C) acts within a veterinarian-client-patient relationship; and  
(D) acts under the direct or indirect supervision of the licensed  
veterinarian.

**(12) An individual who performs teeth floating if the individual:**

(A) has a valid certification from the International Association of Equine Dentistry or an equivalent certification approved by the board in a rule adopted under IC 4-22-2; and

(B) acts under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian when administering a sedative drug to a horse before performing teeth floating on the horse.

SECTION 3. IC 25-38.1-4-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: **Sec. 13. An individual who performs teeth floating may not administer a sedative drug to a horse before performing teeth floating on the horse unless the individual administers the sedative drug to the horse under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 226, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 226 as introduced.)

LEISING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

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