

# SENATE BILL No. 279

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

**Synopsis:** Equine teeth floating. Provides that an individual who performs only equine teeth floating services is exempt from the veterinary medicine licensing requirements after submitting to the Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners (board) two signed letters of recommendation from previous clients. Requires the board to issue a card that identifies the individual who has submitted the letters of recommendation as a person who is exempt from licensing but may engage in the practice of veterinary medicine only by performing equine teeth floating services.

**Effective:** July 1, 2018.

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## Boots

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January 4, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.

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Second Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2018)

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 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-38.1-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2014,  
2 SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2018]: 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.



- 1 (3) An individual who is a regular student in an accredited college  
 2 of veterinary medicine performing duties or actions assigned by  
 3 the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue  
 4 University or working under the direct supervision of a licensed  
 5 veterinarian.  
 6 (4) An extern.  
 7 (5) A veterinarian who is licensed and is a resident in another  
 8 state or country and consults with a veterinarian licensed under  
 9 this article.  
 10 (6) An owner or a contract operator of an animal or a regular  
 11 employee of the owner or a contract operator caring for and  
 12 treating an animal, except where the ownership of the animal was  
 13 transferred for purposes of circumventing this chapter.  
 14 (7) A guest lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at  
 15 the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University, or  
 16 elsewhere, in connection with a continuing education program.  
 17 (8) An individual while engaged in bona fide scientific research  
 18 that:  
 19 (A) reasonably requires experimentation involving animals;  
 20 and  
 21 (B) is conducted in a facility or with a company that complies  
 22 with federal regulations regarding animal welfare.  
 23 (9) A graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine who is  
 24 in the process of obtaining an ECFVG certificate or a PAVE  
 25 certificate and who is under the direct supervision of:  
 26 (A) the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue  
 27 University; or  
 28 (B) a veterinarian licensed under this article.  
 29 (10) A veterinarian who is enrolled in a postgraduate instructional  
 30 program in an accredited college of veterinary medicine  
 31 performing duties or actions assigned by the faculty of the School  
 32 of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University.  
 33 (11) A member in good standing of another licensed or regulated  
 34 profession within Indiana who:  
 35 (A) provides assistance requested by a veterinarian licensed  
 36 under this article;  
 37 (B) acts with the consent of the client;  
 38 (C) acts within a veterinarian-client-patient relationship; and  
 39 (D) acts under the direct or indirect supervision of the licensed  
 40 veterinarian.  
 41 **(12) An individual who:**  
 42 **(A) has submitted to the board two (2) signed letters of**



1                   **recommendation, each from a client who has previously**  
2                   **employed the individual to perform, and attests to the**  
3                   **individual's ability to perform, equine teeth floating; and**  
4                   **(B) engages in the practice of veterinary medicine only by**  
5                   **performing equine teeth floating services.**  
6                   **(c) Not more than ten (10) business days after receiving signed**  
7                   **letters of recommendation under subsection (b)(12)(A), the board**  
8                   **shall issue to the individual who has submitted the letters a card**  
9                   **identifying the individual as a person who is exempt from licensing**  
10                   **under this article but may engage in the practice of veterinary**  
11                   **medicine only by performing equine teeth floating services.**

