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SENATE BILL NO. 145

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

VETERINARIANS. Provides relative to the Louisiana Veterinary Practice Law. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1514(7) and 1515(B), relative to the Louisiana Veterinary
3	Practice Law; to provide for licensure exceptions; to provide for membership
4	qualifications for the Board of Veterinary Medicine; to provide for an effective date;
5	and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 37:1514(7) and 1515(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8	as follows:
9	§1514. License requirement and exceptions
10	No person shall practice veterinary medicine in the state who is not a licensed
11	veterinarian or the holder of a valid temporary permit issued by the board. This
12	Chapter shall not be construed to prohibit:
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14	(7) A member of the faculty of a veterinary school performing his regular
15	functions, or a person lecturing, or giving instructions or demonstrations at a
16	veterinary school or in connection with a continuing education course or seminar.
17	This includes a member of the faculty of a veterinary school, who as part of his

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1 employment at the school, performs direct or indirect practice of veterinary 2 medicine on an animal owned by a member of the public whether by referral 3 from a private practice veterinarian or by direct patient access without referral. 4 5 §1515. Board of Veterinary Medicine; terms; compensation; removal 6 B. A person shall be qualified to serve as a member of the board if he is a 7 8 graduate of a veterinary school, a resident of this state, and has been licensed to 9 practice veterinary medicine in this state for the five years immediately preceding 10 the time of his appointment. No person may serve on the board who is or was during 11 the two years immediately preceding his appointment, a member of the faculty, trustee or advisory board of a veterinary school. 12 13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 17 18 effective on the day following such approval.

> The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

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Present law provides that no license for veterinary medicine is required of a member of the faculty of a veterinary school performing his regular functions, or a person lecturing, or giving instructions or demonstrations at a veterinary school or in connection with a continuing education course or seminar.

Proposed law includes with the present law licensure exception a member of the faculty of a veterinary school, who as part of his employment at the school, performs direct or indirect practice of veterinary medicine on an animal owned by a member of the public whether by referral from a private practice veterinarian or by direct patient access without referral.

Present law provides no person may serve on the Board of Veterinary Medicine who is or was during the two years immediately preceding his appointment, a member of the faculty, trustee or advisory board of a veterinary school.

Proposed law removes this prohibition to board membership.

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Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:1514(7) and 1515(B))