

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2083

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to equine dentistry; amending 59 O.S.
8 2011, Section 698.30, which relates to teeth
9 floaters; removing certain qualifying programs for
10 certification; adding certain qualifying
11 organizations for certification; removing certain
12 qualifying programs for approved continuing
13 education; adding certain qualifying organizations
14 for approved continuing education; and providing an
15 effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 698.30, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 698.30 A. The State Board of Veterinary Medical
20 Examiners shall annually certify any practitioner of teeth floating,
21 known as a nonveterinary equine dental care provider and as defined
22 by paragraph 25 of Section 698.2 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma
23 Statutes. Certification shall be issued within ninety (90) days of
24 application, and to be eligible for this certification,
nonveterinary equine dental care providers shall provide proof of

1 ~~qualification to be a nonveterinary equine dental care provider~~
2 ~~using one of the following methods:~~

3 ~~1. Completion of at least eighty (80) hours of training in~~
4 ~~equine dentistry at the Texas Institute of Equine Dentistry, the~~
5 ~~Academy of Equine Dentistry or a similar program approved by the~~
6 ~~State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; or~~

7 ~~2. Certification~~ certification as an equine dental technician
8 by the International Association of Equine Dentistry, the Equine
9 Dental Providers of America or ~~its~~ an equivalent certification by a
10 similar certifying organization approved by the State Board of
11 Veterinary Medical Examiners.

12 B. Prior to July 1, 2011, teeth floaters shall be granted
13 certification upon submission of a signed and notarized affidavit
14 from three persons who are residents of this state, stating that
15 they know this individual and the individual is known by the
16 community to be a nonveterinary equine dental care provider. Of the
17 three residents, one shall be from a veterinarian that is licensed
18 to practice in the state; and one shall be from the current
19 president of any official statewide association representing horses,
20 horse breeds or horsemen, or a horse owner currently residing in the
21 state.

22 C. Proof of four (4) hours of continuing education shall be
23 required for annual certification renewal for teeth floaters. This
24 continuing education shall be a course approved by the ~~Texas~~

1 ~~Institute of Equine Dentistry, the Academy of Equine Dentistry, the~~
2 State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the International
3 Association of Equine Dentistry, the Equine Dental Providers of
4 America or a similar organization approved by the State Board of
5 Veterinary Medical Examiners and shall be obtained in the twelve-
6 month period immediately preceding the year for which the
7 certification is to be issued.

8 D. If prescription drugs, not to include any controlled
9 dangerous substances as defined in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous
10 Substances Act, are to be used in nonveterinary equine dental care
11 procedures, the equine owner shall contact a veterinarian licensed
12 by the state. If the veterinarian deems that prescription drugs,
13 not to include any controlled dangerous substances as defined in the
14 Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, are necessary, the
15 veterinarian may assemble those drugs and may allow the owner or the
16 owner's agent, who can be a nonveterinary equine dental care
17 provider, to pick up those drugs and deliver them to the equine
18 owner. No prescription drugs shall be prescribed, dispensed, or
19 administered without the establishment of a valid client-patient
20 relationship between the equine owner and the veterinarian.
21 Prescription drugs must be used in accordance with United States
22 Food and Drug Administration regulations.

23 E. Complaints related to any teeth floater shall be filed with
24 the State Veterinarian through the Oklahoma Department of

1 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry. The State Veterinarian may
2 investigate complaints, and may forward findings as it deems
3 appropriate to the appropriate law enforcement entity.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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