

SENATE FILE NO. SF0089

Veterinary technicians.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Emerich and Representative(s) Moniz and Semlek

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to veterinarians; providing requirements
2 for veterinary technicians as specified; providing for
3 certification of veterinary technicians; providing
4 rulemaking authority; providing a definition; and providing
5 for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-30-301 through 33-30-305 are
10 created to read:

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12 ARTICLE 3

13 VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

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15 **33-30-301. Certification required.**

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1 Any veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine
2 in the state of Wyoming may use the services of one (1) or
3 more registered veterinary technicians. No person shall
4 practice as a veterinary technician unless the person is
5 registered by the board under this article. A registered
6 veterinary technician who is employed by a licensed
7 veterinarian is not considered to be engaged in the
8 practice of veterinary medicine.

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10 **33-30-302. Requirement for a certificate.**

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12 (a) The board may issue a certificate as a veterinary
13 technician to any applicant who files an application upon a
14 form and in the manner prescribed by the board, accompanied
15 by the appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory
16 evidence to the board of the following:

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18 (i) The applicant has reached the age of
19 majority;

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21 (ii) The applicant has no felony or misdemeanor
22 convictions involving moral turpitude, although exceptions
23 to this requirement may be granted by the board if
24 consistent with the public interest;

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2 (iii) The applicant has successfully completed
3 an accredited program in veterinary technology as approved
4 by the board or has other training and experience which the
5 board determines is adequate.

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7 (b) The board may, in its sole discretion, require
8 the applicant to appear before the board.

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10 (c) Upon examination of all credentials, the board
11 may consider the credentials adequate evidence of
12 professional competence and issue a certificate.

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14 **33-30-303. Supervision.**

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16 (a) A veterinary technician shall only work as a
17 veterinary technician under the direction or supervision of
18 a licensed veterinarian who employs the technician.

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20 (b) The licensed veterinarian who employs a
21 registered veterinary technician is responsible for the
22 acts of the technician, and nothing in this article
23 relieves the employer of the ordinary duties and
24 responsibilities for the acts or conduct of the employee.

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2 (c) A veterinary technician shall not maintain or
3 operate any office separate from the office of the licensed
4 veterinarian who employs the technician.

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6 **33-30-304. Reciprocity.**

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8 A person who has been issued a certificate to practice as a
9 veterinary technician under the laws of any other state
10 having requirements substantially equal to those provided
11 for in this article may, after consideration by the board,
12 be issued a certificate to practice in this state.

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14 **33-30-305. Rulemaking authority.**

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16 The board shall adopt rules necessary for the
17 implementation of this article.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 33-30-202(a) by creating new
20 paragraphs (x) and (xi) and 33-30-214(a) are amended to
21 read:

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23 **33-30-202. Definitions.**

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1 (a) When used in this act, these words and phrases,
2 unless the context otherwise indicates, shall be defined as
3 follows:

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5 (x) "Veterinary technician" means a person who
6 is registered as a veterinary technician by the board;

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8 (xi) "This act" means W.S. 33-30-201 through
9 33-30-215 and 33-30-301 through 33-30-305.

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11 **33-30-214. Penalty for violation; injunction.**

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13 (a) Any person who violates W.S. 33-30-101 through
14 33-30-215 or 33-30-301 through 33-30-305 is guilty of a
15 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven
16 hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), by imprisonment for not
17 more than six (6) months, or both. Each act of such
18 unlawful practice shall constitute a distinct and separate
19 offense.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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