

ACT 44

S.B. NO. 1555-84

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Practice of Veterinary Medicine.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 471-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§471-2 License required. No person shall practice veterinary medicine, either gratuitously or for pay, or shall offer to so practice, or shall announce or advertise [himself], publicly or privately, as prepared or qualified to so practice, or shall append the letters “Dr.” or affix any other letters to [his] the person’s name with the intent thereby to imply that [he] the person is a practitioner of veterinary medicine, without having a valid unrevoked license obtained from the board of veterinary examiners; provided, that nothing in this chapter prevents or prohibits the following:

- (1) Any person from gratuitously treating animals in case of emergency;
- (2) The owner of any animal or animals and the owner’s full-time, regular employees from caring for and treating any animals belonging to [such] the owner;
- (3) Any student enrolled in any veterinary school or college or any employee of a veterinarian from working under the direct supervision of a veterinarian;
- (4) Any person from practicing veterinary medicine in the employ of the United States government while engaged in the performance of [his] the person’s official duties;
- (5) Any person licensed to practice veterinary medicine in any state from practicing [here] in this State when [meeting] in actual consultation with veterinarians of this State [in consultation]; provided that the person licensed from another state shall not open an office, or appoint a place to meet patients, or receive calls within the limits of the State;

- (6) Any farmer from giving to another farmer the assistance customarily given in the ordinary practice of animal husbandry[.];
- (7) Any applicant who meets the licensing requirements of practicing veterinary medicine under a veterinarian by permit; provided the applicant applies for and takes the first examination scheduled by the board. A permit shall not be renewed.”

SECTION 2. Section 471-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§471-4 **Officers.** The board of veterinary examiners shall select a chairman[, a secretary, and a treasurer. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined in one person.

The chairman of the board] who shall preside at all meetings and in [his] the chairman’s absence the members present shall select a chairman pro tem.

[The secretary shall, subject to the direction of the board, make and keep all records and record books required to be kept by the board. The records and record books of the board shall be prima facie evidence of the matters therein recorded in any court of law.

The treasurer shall receive and issue receipts for all fees collected.]”

SECTION 3. Section 471-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 4. Section 471-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“§471-8 **Examinations; qualifications of applicants.** No person shall be licensed to practice veterinary medicine unless [he] the person has passed an examination of [his] the qualifications and fitness to engage in [such] the practice of veterinary medicine given by the board of veterinary examiners. Before any applicant shall be eligible for examination under this chapter [he] the applicant shall, at least [thirty] sixty days before the date set for examination, file an application in such form as shall be prescribed by the board, pay to the department of commerce and consumer affairs an examination fee of \$100, and furnish proof satisfactory to the board that[:] the applicant:

- (1) [He is] Is eighteen or more years of age [and of good moral character]; and
- (2) [He is] Is a graduate of a veterinary college meeting all the standards established by the American Veterinary Medical Association, or, in lieu thereof, has actively practiced for ten out of twelve years immediately preceding the date of application in a state having standards for licensing comparable to those in the State.

Examinations shall be given by the board twice each year except when there are no applications pending. They shall be composed of written [and oral] questions [and practical demonstrations.], a part of which shall consist of those

aspects of veterinary medicine common to the State. The same questions shall be given to each person being examined during a particular examination. The subject matter of the examinations shall embrace the subjects and demonstrations of practical ability normally covered in the curricula of American [Veterinary] veterinary colleges. The form of the examination shall be determined by the board.

The requirements imposed by this section shall not be a bar to renewal, reissuance, or restoration of any license issued prior to May 13, 1949.”

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.¹

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 18, 1984.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.