

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 10, 2025
Date

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1285 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 5, line 14, after "(1)(f);" insert "AND".
- 2 Page 5, lines 15 and 16, strike "IMMEDIATE OR DIRECT supervision of" and
3 substitute "APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF supervision of BY".
- 4 Page 5, line 16, strike "LIABLE" and substitute "ACCOUNTABLE".
- 5 Page 5, strike lines 18 through 20 and substitute "OF THE VETERINARY
6 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE".
- 7 Page 5, line 25, after "**add**" insert "(3.5)".
- 8 Page 5, line 25, strike "and (8)" and substitute "(8), and (9)".
- 9 Page 6, after line 13, insert:
10 "(3.5) A LICENSED VETERINARIAN MAY DELEGATE THE PRACTICE
11 OF VETERINARY MEDICINE TO A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE
12 AND SUPERVISE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL
13 ASSOCIATE IF:
14 (a) THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN HAS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT
15 WITH THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
16 SECTION 12-315-203.7 (6);
17 (b) THE DELEGATION, SUPERVISION, AND PERFORMANCE OF THE
18 PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN
19 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 315 AND ALL APPLICABLE BOARD RULES;
20 (c) THE SUPERVISING LICENSED VETERINARIAN IS LOCATED AT THE
21 SAME VETERINARY PREMISES AS THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL

1 ASSOCIATE WHILE THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE IS
2 PERFORMING THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE; AND

3 (d) THE SUPERVISING LICENSED VETERINARIAN IS SUPERVISING NO
4 MORE THAN THREE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES WHO ARE
5 PRACTICING VETERINARY MEDICINE AT ANY ONE TIME."

6 Page 6, line 23, strike "MEDICINE;" and substitute "MEDICINE, UNLESS THE
7 VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE MEETS THE INDIRECT SUPERVISION
8 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (9) OF THIS SECTION;"

9 Page 7, strike lines 5 through 7 and substitute:

10 "(8) A LICENSED VETERINARIAN SHALL FOLLOW ALL APPLICABLE
11 STATE AND FEDERAL LAW WHEN ISSUING PRESCRIPTIONS."

12 Page 7, after line 7 insert:

13 "(9) A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE MAY PRACTICE
14 VETERINARY MEDICINE UNDER INDIRECT SUPERVISION IF:

15 (a) THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE MEETS REQUISITE
16 CLINICAL BENCHMARKS, INCLUDING PERFORMING THE PRACTICE OF
17 VETERINARY MEDICINE UNDER THE DIRECT OR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF
18 A LICENSED VETERINARIAN FOR A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF HOURS, AS
19 DETERMINED BY THE BOARD; AND

20 (b) THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN WHO SUPERVISES THE
21 VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE DETERMINES THAT THE
22 VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE IS CAPABLE OF PERFORMING
23 VETERINARY MEDICINE TASKS UNDER INDIRECT SUPERVISION."

24 Page 7, strike lines 17 through 20 and substitute:

25 "(I) Require completion of a university-approved program for
26 veterinary professional associates ~~and~~ THAT:

27 (A) IF COMPLETED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2033, MUST BE
28 APPROVED BY THE BOARD; OR

29 (B) IF COMPLETED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER, 1, 2033, MUST BE
30 ACCREDITED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION
31 OR EQUIVALENT ORGANIZATION, AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD;"

32 Page 9, strike lines 12 through 27.

33 Page 10, strike lines 1 through 8.

34 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

- 1 Page 10, line 11, after "(1)(g)," insert "(1)(h),".
- 2 Page 10, line 23, strike "AND".
- 3 Page 11, line 1, strike "12-315-106 (5)(j)." and substitute "12-315-106
4 (5)(j); AND
5 (h) ADOPT ANY RULES NECESSARY TO ALLOW A VETERINARY
6 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE UNDER
7 INDIRECT SUPERVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-315-105.5 (9).".
- 8 Page 12, line 18, strike "~~eighteen~~ TWENTY-ONE" and substitute "eighteen".
- 9 Page 12, strike lines 19 through 21 and substitute:
- 10 ~~(b)~~ (II) Hold a master's degree in veterinary clinical care, or the
11 equivalent, as determined by the board THAT:
- 12 (A) IF COMPLETED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2033, MUST BE FROM A
13 UNIVERSITY-APPROVED PROGRAM THAT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD; OR
14 (B) IF COMPLETED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2033, MUST BE
15 FROM A UNIVERSITY-APPROVED PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY A
16 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION OR EQUIVALENT
17 ORGANIZATION, AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND".
- 18 Page 14, lines 3 and 4, strike "AND FILE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE
19 BOARD. THE AGREEMENT MUST STATE:" and substitute "THAT STATES:".
- 20 Page 14, strike lines 6 and 7 and substitute "RESPONSIBLE AND
21 ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE ACTS AND OMISSIONS OF THE VETERINARY
22 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE IN THEIR PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
23 AND VERIFYING THAT THE VETERINARY".
- 24 Page 14, strike lines 12 and 13 and substitute:
- 25 "(II) THAT THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN SHALL SUPERVISE NO
26 MORE THAN THREE VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES WHO ARE
27 PRACTICING".
- 28 Page 14, line 14, strike "THE" and substitute "A".
- 29 Page 16, line 6, strike "IMMEDIATE OR DIRECT supervision of" and
30 substitute "APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF supervision of BY".
- 31 Page 16, line 11, strike "FILED WITH THE BOARD".

- 1 Page 16, line 23, strike "IMMEDIATE OR DIRECT supervision of" and
2 substitute "APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF supervision of BY".
- 3 Page 16, line 27, strike "CLIENT MUST" and substitute "VETERINARY
4 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE MUST:
- 5 (a) WEAR A NAME-TAG OR SIMILAR IDENTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENT
6 SIZE IN A CONSPICUOUS MANNER EASILY VISIBLE TO CLIENTS THAT
7 IDENTIFIES THE PERSON AS A VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE,
8 WITHOUT ABBREVIATION; AND
- 9 (b) INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO A CLIENT AS A REGISTERED
10 VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE."
- 11 Page 17, strike lines 1 through 12.
- 12 Page 17, strike lines 23 through 27.
- 13 Page 18, strike lines 1 through 18.
- 14 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 15 Page 19, strike lines 2 through 27.
- 16 Page 20, strike lines 1 through 8.
- 17 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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