

HB 869 -- VETERINARIANS

This bill changes the laws regarding the practice of veterinary medicine. The bill:

(1) Allows for the practice of veterinary medicine across state lines, as long as the person practicing across state lines is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in another state and the practice is limited to the rendering of documented opinions concerning diagnosis and treatment through electronic means. When receiving consultations across state lines, the ultimate authority and responsibility for the diagnosis and treatment of the patient remains with the primary care veterinarian licensed in this state;

(2) Expands the criteria for the application of a provisional license to practice veterinary medicine to include a person applying by grade transfer, reciprocity, or examination. A provisional license will not be issued to a person applying for a faculty license;

(3) Creates an inactive license status. Non-practicing veterinarians and veterinary technicians may make application to the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board requesting that their license be placed on inactive status. Applicants must file an affirmation with the board stating they will not engage in the practice of veterinary medicine. Persons who wish to have their license brought back to active status must submit an application for renewal, pay the required fees, and provide evidence of completion of the required continuing education requirements;

(4) Requires all persons with expired licenses who are still eligible for renewal to provide evidence of completion of all continuing education requirements when making application for license renewal; and

(5) Allows veterinary technicians licensed in other states to make application for certification in Missouri by grade score transfer.