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AB0845 10

Assembly - Committee on Agriculture

Date: 2/28/02

Bill Number: AB 845

Moved by: Gronemus

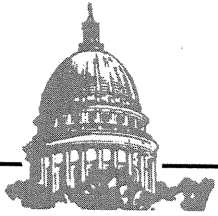
Seconded by: Hines

Motion: ~~deletion~~ passage

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Rep. Alvin Ott, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Eugene Hahn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. John Ainsworth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Jerry Petrowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Steve Kestell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Scott Suder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Gabe Loeffelholz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Rep. J.A. Hines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Barbara Gronemus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Joe Plouff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Marty Reynolds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. John Steinbrink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Julie Lassa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Marlin Schneider	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Mary Hubler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☒ Motion Carried

☐ Motion Failed



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Testimony for AB 845 and AB 867
February 28, 2002 -- 328 NW

Dear Agriculture Committee Members:

Once again, I would like to thank Chairman Ott for his prompt action on these bills. I wanted to provide the committee with brief comments outlining my support for Assembly Bills 845 and 867.

Assembly Bill 845 was introduced at the request of the Veterinary Examining Board and Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association.

Currently, veterinarians and veterinary technicians must renew their licenses and certifications every two years. But, Wisconsin is one of only 8 states that does not mandate continuing education as part of this process.

AB 845 seeks to enhance the skills of our veterinary professionals through required continuing education. Veterinarians would be required to complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years and veterinary technicians would be required to complete 15 hours every two years.

Assembly Bill 867 is a very simple update to change an antiquated law on the books. Dairy product wholesalers are currently prohibited from furnishing equipment to retailers – with certain exemptions. One example of such an exemption – wholesalers may furnish vending machines if the products are consumed on the premises.

This bill would allow wholesalers to sell, lend, or rent portable freezer cabinets for the display of frozen dessert novelties.

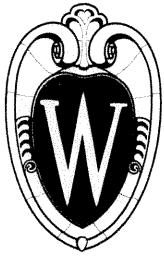
We held a public hearing on the Senate companion bill yesterday, and had the registered support of the WI Dairy Products Association, the Agribusiness Council, the Farm Bureau and the Federation of Coops. There was no opposition to the bill.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Dave Hansen
State Senator

dh:lme



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2001 Assembly Bill 845
Assembly Committee on Agriculture
Hearing Date: February 28, 2002
Testimony of Rachel C. Rothschild, Assistant Dean
School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Thank you Representative Ott and members of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture for the opportunity to testify in favor of AB 845, which mandates continuing education for veterinarians and certified veterinary technicians. My name is Rachel Rothschild. I am an Assistant Dean at the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine and serve as the school's liaison with the Veterinary Examining Board on matters related to licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians who are school employees. My goal today is to provide you information about the impact of AB 845 on the school's continuing education (CE) programs and on school faculty and staff who are licensed veterinarians and certified technicians and will need to fulfill the CE requirement if AB 845 becomes law.

Predictably, the school promotes life-long learning. Providing continuing education for graduate veterinarians is one element of the mission of the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. It is a logical extension of the school's primary goals, which are to provide excellent veterinary medical education, to enhance the health and welfare of animals and people, and to improve economic well-being at the state, national and international levels. Quality continuing education programs for veterinary professionals provide a benefit to our graduates and other professionals from within and outside Wisconsin. Quality CE indirectly benefits the consumers of veterinary services, be they farmers, livestock producers or pet owners.

In the year 2000, approximately 770 veterinarians attended continuing education programs sponsored solely or jointly by the School of Veterinary Medicine. This represented the school's involvement in ten separate programs, lasting one or two days each. Given other commitments of faculty and staff at the school, this is believed to be an appropriate level of school-sponsored continuing education. We do not presently have any plans to offer more CE programs, although we can probably accommodate some increased attendance at our CE programs with a lecture-type format. In summary, at this time we do not believe that mandated CE for veterinarians would significantly change how we program CE events at the school.

Turning to the other issue of the effect of AB 845 on our licensed and certified faculty and staff - we will work with the Veterinary Examining Board during the rule making process to ensure that the types of professional development faculty and staff already engage in are deemed acceptable CE. Faculty members from the school are often the presenters of CE at state, national and international meetings. They attend meetings sponsored by veterinary specialty groups, as well as presentations organized by commercial enterprises. CE is available through distance education. The Veterinary Examining Board will have an opportunity to write forward-thinking

rules that recognize as acceptable CE the great variety of high quality programs available to veterinarians and technicians. We look forward to participating in that process. Individual veterinarians and technicians will be responsible for maintaining records of the CE they attend for reporting or audit purposes. We do not believe that this is burdensome or any reason to oppose mandatory CE.

In conclusion, I speak for the UW- Madison School of Veterinary Medicine in supporting AB 845 because participation in continuing education is laudatory, mandating it may well improve the quality of professional services and enhance the reputation of the profession, and we are confident that administrative rules can be developed that will ensure that worthwhile, high quality professional development activities already being undertaken are recognized as acceptable continuing education.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this matter.

Kalies, Beata

From: Shelton, Myra
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2002 11:22 PM
To: Rep.Ott; Rep.Hahn; Rep.Ainsworth; Rep.Petrowski; Rep.Suder; Rep.Kestell; Rep.Loeffelholz; Rep.Bies; Rep.Hines; Rep.Gronemus; Rep.Plouff; Rep.Reynolds; Rep.Steinbrink; Rep.Lassa; Rep.Schneider; Rep.Hubler; Kalies, Beata
Cc: Herrera, Oscar-DRL; Horstman, Greg; Dusso, William; Austin, Wayne; Gorlen, Gary - DRL; Hansen, Clete; Zychowski, Deanna; 'grendahl@wvma.org'
Subject: Veterinary Examining Board's Testimony on Assembly Bill 845

Statement of: Dr. Diane Scott, DVM, Chair
> **WI Veterinary Examining Board**
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The Honorable, Chairman Ott and Committee Members:

On behalf of myself and the Veterinary Examining Board, I would like to extend our apologies to the committee, Representative Hines, author of AB845, and all the sponsors of the bill, for not being present at the hearing scheduled on Thursday, February 28, 2002. AB 845 is the board's legislative initiative and we do hope the board's lack of presence at the hearing on Thursday will no way demean the importance of this legislation to the board. We do take this legislation seriously, however, due to such a short notice regarding the hearing, it was impossible for myself or the other board members to reschedule their work commitments to attend the hearing. However, we do hope you will still support and vote favorably on the bill.

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AB 845 would require the board to promulgate rules requiring continuing education in the practice of veterinary medicine as well as in the use and disposal of pesticides. The bill establishes a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education per biennium for veterinarians and a minimum of 15 hours of continuing education per biennium for veterinary technicians. The board would be permitted to waive the requirement in exceptional circumstances, such as prolonged illness or disability. The reason the board proposed this legislation is because the advances in the practice of veterinary medicine roughly parallel the advances in human medicine. Unlike physicians, who often practice in multi-physician groups and within relatively narrow specialty areas, veterinarians are more likely to maintain solo practices, and often distinguish only between the larger meat and fiber animals and smaller companion animals in terms of practice specialization. Exposure to new treatment modalities and techniques are therefore less likely to occur in the course of normal practice, and the benefits of required continuing education become clear.

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The board believes that this legislation is necessary and important to continue the protection of the public and the delivery of safe and quality services to the public. Thank you for any consideration given to our bill. If you have any questions you would like to direct to me I can be contacted at petdoc@wi-net.com or 715-344-6311.

Submitted For: Dr. Diane Scott, DVM, Chair
> **WI Veterinary Examining Board**
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By: Myra L. Shelton, Executive Assistant
> And Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary
> Department of Regulation and Licensing
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Kalies, Beata

From: Shelton, Myra
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2002 8:34 PM
To: Rep.Ott; Rep.Hahn; Rep.Ainsworth; Rep.Petrowski; Rep.Suder; Rep.Kestell; Rep.Loeffelholz;
Rep.Bies; Rep.Hines; Rep.Gronemus; Rep.Plouff; Rep.Reynolds; Rep.Steinbrink; Rep.Lassa;
Rep.Schneider; Rep.Hubler; Kalies, Beata
Cc: Herrera, Oscar-DRL; Horstman, Greg; Dusso, William; Gorlen, Gary - DRL
Subject: Department of Regulation and Licensing's Position on Assembly Bill 845

The Honorable, Chairman Ott and Committee Members:

The Department will not be appearing at Thursday's hearing on Assembly Bill 845 relating to continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians and granting rule-making authority. However, Secretary Herrera asked me to communicate the following information to you.

The proposal for required continuing education for veterinarians in Assembly Bill 845 would add to the program responsibilities of the Department of Regulation and Licensing. The Department is not able to absorb the additional work required by the proposal with current staff and other resources. Therefore, the Department can not support the bill at this time, absent an amendment that would provide the appropriation and staffing authority consistent with the agency needs.

For any follow up questions to this matter please feel free to contact Deputy Secretary Greg Horstman at 267-2435 or by email at greg.horstman@drl.state.wi.us. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Myra Shelton, Executive Assistant
And Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary
Department of Regulation and Licensing
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608-266-8608

Kalies, Beata

From: Uecker, Deborah
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2002 11:59 AM
To: Kalies, Beata
Subject: RE: Problem with FE not arriving on time

I can see from the Fiscal Estimate System (FES) that the original estimate was assigned on the 21st and was due on the 28th, the regular five business days agencies receive to complete a fiscal estimate. R&L submitted that estimate on the 28th and there is a hearing notice attached to the assignment saying there was a hearing at 8:30 on the 28th. LRB processes returned estimates as soon as LRB possible, normally several times a day. LRB sends the completed estimate to the appropriate legislators. There is no need for an agency to fax a completed estimate to anyone. I attached the hearing notice mentioned above from the Wheeler Report and I have no record of when I placed that notice there. I add notices for the purposes of encouraging agencies to return estimates in time for hearings or executive session, as I see them in Wheeler. If further changes in the schedule are not placed in the Wheeler Report I am not aware of them.

Anyone can check the FE status on any bill at any time from any computer with internet access in the world. You can see what agencies are completing the estimate, when it was assigned, when it is due, who is preparing and approving each estimate, and what his or her phone number is. The Fiscal Estimate System was designed in part to make this information public so legislative offices could contact the appropriate agency personnel directly to communicate any needed messages about fiscal estimates. This is a note I developed that shows anyone how to do this. Please pass it along to other legislative staffers who deal with fiscal estimates:



Checking the Status
of Fiscal ...

-----Original Message-----

From: Kalies, Beata
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2002 11:41 AM
To: Uecker, Deborah
Subject: Problem with FE not arriving on time

Hi Deborah.

I have scheduled a hearing and exec session for AB 845 for the 28th of February and the notice was sent out on the 20th, right after the bill was referred to our committee.
(The notice was amended to change the time from 9 am to 8:30 on the 26th and then again on the 27th to make the time 1:30pm and change room numbers.)

The problem is that we did not get the Fiscal Estimate in time for the exec session.

I called Reg. & Lic. contact person Gary Gorlen on the 27th and left a message reminding him of our hearing and the need for the note. No one else was available to talk to on the 27th or the morning of the 28th when I tried again. I finally called the general number for the Department on the 28th and explained to the receptionist my dilemma. I received a message from my coworker during the hearing (which had started at 1:30pm) that Reg. & Lic. called back and said the person I needed to talk to, was out for the day.

Upon adjournment of the hearing and exec around 3:30 in the afternoon, I received a call I believe it may have been Gary Gorlen, telling me that the FE was available and that it could be faxed over. I received the fax this morning - Friday, March 1st.

If the notice to the department arrived on the 21st, according to my calculation, there should have been 5 days before it was needed on the 28th.

Is there anything else I should have done to make sure this does not happen again?
Thank you for your assistance.

Beata Kalies
Office of State Representative Al Ott

View Estimate

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Wisconsin Department of Administration
Division of Executive Budget and Finance
DOA-2048 (R07/2000)

Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

☒ Original ☐ Updated ☐ Corrected ☐ Supplemental

LRB Number 01-3558/2

Introduction Number AB-845

Subject

Continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians

Fiscal Effect

State:

- ☐ No State Fiscal Effect
☐ Indeterminate
☒ Increase Existing Appropriations
☐ Decrease Existing Appropriations
☐ Create New Appropriations
☐ Increase Existing Revenues
☐ Decrease Existing Revenues
☒ Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ Decrease Costs

Local:

- ☐ No Local Government Costs
☐ Indeterminate
1. ☐ Increase Costs ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
2. ☐ Decrease Costs ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
3. ☐ Increase Revenue ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
4. ☐ Decrease Revenue ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
☐ Towns ☐ Village ☐ Cities
☐ Counties ☐ Others
☐ School Districts ☐ WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEGS

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Agency/Prepared By

R&L/ Gary Gorlen (608) 261-7094

Authorized Signature

Gary Gorlen (608) 261-7094

Date

2/28/02

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
R&L 2/28/02

LRB Number 01-3558/2	Introduction Number AB-845	Estimate Type Original
Subject Continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This will have impacts on several areas of the department, as do other existing CE requirements:

Legal services will do the rules.

Renewal will have to check the CE completion signatures on 4000 renewals every two years, and send back those that don't sign.

Bureaus will have to send out special notices to those that don't comply, and deny renewals of licenses to the noncompliant.

DOE may have to investigate CE along with other complaint investigation.

Education Office may have to establish a data base of approved courses, and may have to audit compliance periodically, depending on the rules established by the Board.

It is estimated that a .25 FTE Compliance Monitor and a .5 FTE Program Assistant 3 would be required.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

View Estimate

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Wisconsin Department of Administration
Division of Executive Budget and Finance
DOA-2047 (R07/2000)

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect



Original



Updated



Corrected



Supplemental

LRB Number 01-3558/2		Introduction Number AB-845	
Subject			
Continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians			
I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs Decreased Costs	
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$17,500	
(FTE Position Changes)		(75 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs		13,550	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$31,050	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS		31,050	
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned		3,105	
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$3,105	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$31,050	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$3,105	\$
Agency/Prepared By		Authorized Signature	Date
R&L/ Gary Gorlen (608) 261-7094		Gary Gorlen (608) 261-7094	2/28/02