CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Patrick D. Braatz, Director, Bureau of Health Professions in the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and custodian of the official records of the Veterinary Examining Board, do hereby certify that the annexed rules were duly approved and adopted by the Veterinary Examining Board on the 14th day of May, 1997.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this office and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin this 14th day of May, 1997.

Patrick D. Braatz, Director, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Regulation and Licensing

STATE OF WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING

ORDER OF THE

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE

: VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

ADOPTING RULES

(CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 96-194)

ORDER

An order of the Veterinary Examining Board to repeal and recreate VE 4.01 (3) relating to evidence that would be required in order to obtain a veterinary license of a candidate who is not a graduate of a school that has been approved by the board.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227. 11 (2) and 453.03 (1), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 453.06 (1), Stats.

In this proposed rule-making order the Veterinary Examining Board repeals and recreates s. VE 4.01 (3) to require applicants who have graduated from a school not approved by the board to complete and obtain certification from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates. This amendment will only allow those applicants who have completed and obtained their ECFVG (Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates) certification to be eligible for licensure as a veterinarian in Wisconsin.

Under the current rule, an applicant who has graduated from a school not approved by the board, which includes all schools outside the United States and Canada with one exception, has three alternative routes to licensure. First, the applicant may complete the ECFVG program. Second, the applicant may demonstrate that requirements for a license in the applicant's country of original licensure, including educational and examination requirements, are substantially equivalent to the requirements in this state. Third, the applicant may establish equivalency of his or her education and pass the national veterinary licensing examinations. Unlike the ECFVG program, which carries out extensive testing and remediation to ensure that foreign graduates fully meet standards imposed by the licensing jurisdictions in this country, the board has found itself unable to make informed decisions and judgments relating to the equivalency of standards for licensure in other countries so as to permit the board to ensure that endorsement candidates from other countries do in fact meet the minimum requirements imposed by this state upon graduates of approved schools of veterinary medicine.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. VE 4.01 (3) is repealed and recreated to read:

VE 4.01 (3) A person holding a current unrestricted license to practice veterinary medicine in a country other than the United States or Canada, who is not a graduate of an approved veterinary college, in addition to the requirements of sub. (2), shall submit evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the certification program of the educational commission for foreign veterinary graduates of the American veterinary medical association.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated

Agency All Helbert Lower

Chairperson

Veterinary Examining Board

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State of Wisconsin DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE:

May 14, 1997

TO:

Gary Poulson

Assistant Revisor of Statutes

FROM:

Pamela A. Haack, Rules Center Coordinator

Department of Regulation and Licensing

Office of Administrative Rules

SUBJECT:

Final Order Adopting Rules



Clearinghouse Rule 96-194

Attached is a copy and a certified copy of a final order adopting rules. Would you please publish these rules in the register.

Please stamp or sign a copy of this letter to acknowledge receipt.

Thank you.

