

1975 Assembly Bill 767

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CHAPTER 309, Laws of 1975

AN ACT to repeal 453.05 (4); to amend 453.05 (2) and 453.06 (1) and (2); and to create 453.02 (7) and 453.06 (3) and (4) of the statutes, relating to licensing of veterinarians and certification of animal technicians.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 453.02 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

453.02 (7) "Animal technician" means a person duly certified by the examining board to work under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

SECTION 2. 453.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

453.05 (2) No license ~~shall be~~ is required for artificial insemination, or for continuing the practice of pregnancy examinations of animals when such practice was

engaged in prior to February 11, 1968 ~~and~~. No license is required for castrating, except for female horses and dogs, or dehorning animals; No license is required for students at a veterinary college approved by the examining board or for a certified animal technician while working under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian; for employes of the state or federal government while engaged in their official duties; or for employes of an educational or research institution while engaged in teaching or research.

SECTION 3. 453.05 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 453.06 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

453.06 (1) ~~Licenses~~ Veterinary licenses shall be issued only to persons who successfully pass an examination conducted by the examining board. At least one examination shall be held annually. Examination fees as fixed by the examining board shall not exceed \$50, payable in advance and not returnable. An applicant for a new license shall be at least 18 years of age and a graduate of a veterinary college which has been approved by the examining board. Persons who qualify for examination may be granted temporary permits to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine until the next examination conducted by the examining board. Veterinarians holding an existing license ~~shall are not be~~ required to take any examination for renewal of their license. The examining board may grant a license, without any examination, to any person who holds a veterinarian's license issued by another state or country, if the license requirements in such state or country are substantially equivalent to those in this state and if such state or country recognizes licenses issued under this chapter. In case of failure at any examination, the applicant shall have the privilege of taking subsequent examinations, upon the payment of another fee for each examination, ~~at any meeting of the examining board.~~

(2) ~~Licenses~~ Veterinary licenses shall expire on December 31 of each year but may be renewed annually. The examining board shall charge a fee, not to exceed \$25, for each license or renewal thereof.

SECTION 5. 453.06 (3) and (4) of the statutes are created to read:

453.06 (3) (a) An animal technician certification may be issued only to a person who is at least 18 years of age and has either:

1. Successfully completed a 4-semester course of study in animal technology or its equivalent, at a technical school or college approved by the examining board, and has passed an examination, administered by the examining board, which establishes that the applicant's knowledge of animals and their treatment is sufficient to qualify the applicant as an animal technician; or

2. Been an employe of any licensed veterinarian for a total of 2 years and has passed an examination, administered by the examining board, which establishes that the applicant's knowledge of animals and their treatment is sufficient to qualify the applicant as an animal technician. The 2-year employment requirement of this subdivision shall include at least 50% of the applicant's time spent in practical field experience and the remainder of the applicant's time spent in laboratory work, office procedure, and technical veterinary training with a licensed veterinarian.

(b) At least one examination shall be held annually. Examination fees as fixed by the examining board may not exceed \$25, payable in advance and not returnable.

(c) Except for emergency rules adopted under s. 227.027, no rule promulgated by the examining board under this subsection shall become effective until the examining board has complied with the requirements of s. 227.018 (2).

(4) Animal technician certifications shall expire on December 31 of each year and shall be renewed annually. The examining board shall charge a fee, not to exceed \$15, for each certification or renewal thereof.
