

2003 Assembly Bill 165

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2003 WISCONSIN ACT 103

AN ACT *to repeal* 453.06 (4); *to renumber and amend* 453.06 (2); *to amend* 453.03 (2); and *to create* 453.062 of the statutes; **relating to:** continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians and granting rule-making authority.

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

SECTION 1. 453.03 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

453.03 (2) The examining board shall promulgate rules requiring training and continuing education sufficient to assure competency of veterinarians and veterinary technicians in the practice of veterinary medicine, including the use, handling, distribution, and disposal of pesticides.

SECTION 2. 453.06 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 453.062 (1) and amended to read:

453.062 (1) RENEWAL. The renewal ~~date~~ dates and renewal ~~fee~~ fees for veterinary licenses and veterinary technician certifications are specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a).

SECTION 3. 453.06 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 453.062 of the statutes is created to read:
453.062 Renewal; continuing education.

(2) CONTINUING EDUCATION. (a) Except as provided in sub. (3), the examining board may not renew a veterinary license unless the applicant certifies that he or she

has completed, during the preceding 2-year licensure period, at least 30 hours of continuing education programs or courses approved by the examining board.

(b) Except as provided in sub. (3), the examining board may not renew a veterinary technician certification unless the applicant certifies that he or she has completed, during the preceding 2-year certification period, at least 15 hours of continuing education programs or courses approved by the examining board.

(c) If any complaint is made against a veterinarian or veterinary technician, the examining board may require the veterinarian or veterinary technician to submit proof of the continuing education programs or courses that he or she has completed during the preceding 2-year licensure or certification period.

(3) EXCEPTIONS. (a) Subsection (2) (a) and (b) does not apply to an applicant who applies to renew a license or certification that expires on the first expiration date after initial issuance of the license or certification.

(b) The examining board may waive the requirements of sub. (2) (a) or (b) if it finds that exceptional circumstances, such as prolonged illness, disability, or other similar circumstances, have prevented an applicant from meeting the requirements.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2001-02 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].