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Assembly Bill 165

Relating to: continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Hines, Ott, Bies, Plouff, Gronemus, Wasserman, Van Roy, J. Lehman, Owens, Gunderson, Seratti, Shilling, Vrakas, Kreibich, Freese, Ainsworth, Gielow, Berceau, Loeffelholz, Schooff and Jeskewitz; cosponsored by Senators Schultz, Kedzie, Stepp, Risser, Hansen, M. Meyer and Roessler.

March 18, 2003

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

April 3, 2003

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (11) Representatives Ott, M. Williams, Petrowski, Kestell, Suder, Hines, Loeffelholz and Towns;

Lassa; Representatives Balow and Vruwink.

Absent: (4) Representatives Ainsworth, Gronemus, Plouff and Hebl.

Appearances For

- J.A. Hines, State Representative, Oxford
- Dr. Margaret Terhar, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Abrams
- Teri Raffel, Wisconsin Veterinary Technician Association, Madison
- Rachel Rothschild, UW School of Veterinary Medicine, Madison

<u>Appearances</u>	<u>Against</u>
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□ None.

Appearances for Information Only

□ None.

Registrations For

 Leslie Grendahl,	Wisconsin	Veterinary	Medical	Association,
Madison				

- ☐ Tom Lyon, DATCP, Madison
- ☐ Keeley Moll, DATCP, Madison
- ☐ Rob Poenhnelt, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Madison

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PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 13, Noes 0

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Kalies, Beata

From:

Rep. Hines

Sent:

Thursday, February 13, 2003 9:14 AM

To:

*Legislative All Senate; *Legislative All Assembly

Subject:

Cosponsorship of LRB 0518/1 relating to continuing education for veterinarians/ Deadline 2/27

TO:

All Legislators

FROM:

Senator Dale Schultz and Representative Jake Hines

DATE:

February 13, 2003

RE:

Co-sponsorship of LRB-0518/1, relating to continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary

technicians and granting rule-making authority

We are introducing legislation that would require the Veterinary Examining Board to promulgate continuing education rules to ensure competency in practicing veterinary medicine. In addition, the bill requires, with certain exceptions, an applicant who applies to renew their license or certification to certify that they have completed continuing education. The continuing education requirements do not apply the first time a veterinarian or a veterinary technician applies to renew their license or certification.

The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association supports this legislation.

The LRB analysis is printed below. If you would like to sign on as a co-sponsor, please contact Rep. Hines at 6-7746 or Sen. Schultz at 6-0703 by Thursday, February 27th.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Veterinary Examining Board (board) issues licenses to veterinarians and certifications to veterinary technicians, which must be renewed every two years. The board is required to promulgate rules requiring continuing education to ensure that veterinarians and veterinary technicians are competent in using, handling, distributing, and disposing of pesticides.

This bill requires the board to promulgate continuing education rules to ensure competency in practicing veterinary medicine, including, but not limited to, competency in using, handling, distributing, and disposing of pesticides. In addition, with certain exceptions, the bill requires an applicant who applies to renew a veterinary license or veterinary technician certification to certify that he or she has completed continuing education. Veterinarians must complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years and veterinary technicians must complete 15 hours every two years. The continuing education requirements do not apply the first time that a veterinarian or veterinary technician applies to renew his or her license or certification. In addition, the board may waive the requirements if exceptional circumstances, such as prolonged illness or disability, prevent a veterinarian or veterinary technician from meeting the requirements. Also, if any complaint is made against a veterinarian or veterinary technician, the bill allows the board to require the veterinarian or veterinary technician to submit proof that he or she has completed continuing education during the preceding two-year licensure or certification period.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.







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2003 Assembly Bill 165 Assembly Committee on Agriculture Hearing Date: April 3, 2003

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 165, 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 165 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 165 becomes law.

Predictably, the school promotes life-long learning. Providing continuing education for graduate veterinarians is one element of the mission of the 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.

Each year for the past several years, well over 600 veterinarians have attended continuing education programs sponsored solely or jointly by the School of Veterinary Medicine. This represents the school's involvement in approximately ten separate programs each year. Given other commitments of faculty and staff at the school, this is believed to be an appropriate level of school-sponsored CE. We do not presently have any plans to offer more CE programs, although we can accommodate increased attendance at our programs that have a lecture format. In summary, at this time we do not believe that mandated CE for veterinarians will significantly change how we program CE events at the school.

Turning to another issue, which is the effect of AB 165 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 will meet their requirement to obtain 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 and 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 165 because participation in continuing education is praiseworthy, 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.







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Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Testimony by The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association

In support of Assembly Bill 165 April 3, 2003

Thank you Chairperson Ott, and members of the committee for allowing me to speak. My name is Margaret Terhar. I am president of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association. In addition to my service as WVMA president, I am a practicing veterinarian from Green Bay. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine in 1993 and have been a practice owner for 5 years.

The WVMA represents approximately 90 percent of Wisconsin's licensed veterinarians. We ask for your support of Assembly Bill 165 in order to establish mandatory continuing education for Wisconsin veterinarians and certified veterinary technicians. This bill was submitted last session and passed unanimously by voice vote in the Assembly but failed to make the Senate calendar prior to adjournment.

The WVMA membership values continuing education as a way to elevate the profession and enhance the quality of service to our clients. Though most veterinarians keep up with their profession, they are not required to do so.

From a recent survey, 51 percent of our members typically take 32 or more hours of continuing education in a two-year cycle without any requirements. AB 165 would require 30 hours every two years. This is average among the states that require mandatory continuing education for veterinarians.

At these difficult fiscal times, we are pleased that passage of AB 165 would carry no financial burden for the Department of Regulation and Licensing other than modification of the licensing renewal form to accommodate the check off.

Currently, Wisconsin is one of only seven states that do not require mandatory continuing education. The other six are Connecticut, Hawaii, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island. New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island have bills pending in the legislatures. All of the remaining states are seriously considering legislative changes.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The WVMA thinks the time has come to elevate the veterinary medical profession and pass this legislation now rather than have it imposed at some future date because of an egregious event.

This bill will help protect the confidence the public has in veterinarians particularly if there should be an act of agri-terrorism or onset of a foreign animal disease.

Thank you for taking the time to have this hearing. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.





Assembly Republican Majority Bill Summary

AB 165: Continuing Education for Veterinarians

Relating to: continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians and granting rule making authority.

By Representatives Hines, Ott, Bies, Plouff, Gronemus, Wasserman, Van Roy, J. Lehman, Owens, Gunderson, Seratti, Shilling, Vrakas, Kreibich, Freese, Ainsworth, Gielow, Berceau, Loeffelholz, Schooff and Jeskewitz; cosponsored by Senators Schultz, Kedzie, Stepp, Risser, Hansen, M. Meyer and Roessler.

Date: October 1, 2003

BACKGROUND

Under current law, licenses for veterinarians and certifications for veterinary technicians must be renewed every two years. The Veterinary Examining Board creates rules to ensure competency in the industry, but does not require mandatory continuing education. Wisconsin is one of only seven states that lack mandatory continuing education.

SUMMARY OF AB 165

Assembly Bill 165 requires the Veterinary Examining Board to include proof of completion of continuing education requirements for renewal of a veterinary license or a veterinary technician certification. Every two years, veterinarians would be required to complete 30 hours of additional training, while veterinary technicians must complete 15 hours. The continuing education requirements do not apply the first time a veterinarian or veterinary technician applies to renew their license or certification.

FISCAL EFFECT

A fiscal estimate prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing indicates increased costs to the Department, which could be offset by increased fees in obtaining licenses and renewal of licenses.

PROS

- 1. This legislation requires veterinarians and veterinary technicians to keep up with changes in veterinary medicine, thus assuring the best possible treatment for the animals under their care
- 2. By making continuing education mandatory, AB 165 will result in improved quality of service and enhance the professional reputation of veterinarians.
- 3. AB 165 will increase participation in current continuing education courses offered by the UW School of Veterinary Medicine, as well as participation in distance education opportunities.

CONS

- 1. A majority of veterinarians already choose to participate in continuing education without the mandate.
- 2. AB 165 would implement additional responsibilities for the Department of Regulation and Licensing to ensure compliance.
- 3. Veterinarians and veterinary technicians will likely have to pay higher licensing fees.

SUPPORTERS

Rep. J.A. Hines, author; Dr. Margaret Terhar, President of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association; Terri Raffel, Wisconsin Veterinary Technician Association; Rachel Rothschild, UW School of Veterinary Medicine; Leslie Grendahl, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association; Tom Lyon, DATCP; Keeley Moll, DATCP; Rob Poenhnelt, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association; Senators Fred Risser and Carol Roessler.

OPPOSITION

No one testified or registered against this bill.

HISTORY

Assembly Bill 165 was introduced on March 18, 2003, and referred to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture. A public hearing was held on April 3, 2003. On May 15, 2003, the Committee voted 13-0-2 [Reps. Gronemus and Hebl were absent] to recommend passage of AB 165.

CONTACT: Erin Napralla, Office of Rep. Al Ott





AB845

ASSEMBLY BILL 845

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. (FE) 2002

02-20-02. A. Introduced by Representatives Hines, Ott, Bies, Jeskewitz, Plouff, Loeffelholz, Wieckert, Ladwig, Johnsrud, J. Lehman, Gronemus, Krawczyk, Vrakas, Kestell, Hundertmark and Ainsworth; cosponsored by Senators Hansen, M. Meyer, A. Lasee, Darling, Harsdorf, Huelsman, Schultz and Risser, by request of Veterinary Examining Board and Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association. 02-28-02. A. Public hearing held. 02-28-02. A. Executive action taken. 03-04-02. A. Report passage recommended by committee on Agriculture, Ayes 16, Noes 0...... 716 03-04-02. A. Placed on calendar 3-6-2002 by committee on Rules. 03-11-02. S. Fiscal estimate received. 03-11-02. S. Fiscal estimate received. 03-20-02. S. Failed





Assembly

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Assembly Bill 845

Relating to: continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Hines, Ott, Bies, Jeskewitz, Plouff, Loeffelholz, Wieckert, Ladwig, Johnsrud, J. Lehman, Gronemus, Krawczyk, Vrakas, Kestell, Hundertmark and Ainsworth; cosponsored by Senators Hansen, M. Meyer, A. Lasee, Darling, Harsdorf, Huelsman, Schultz and Risser, by request of the Veterinary Examining Board and Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association.

February 20, 2002 Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

February 28, 2002 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (16) Representatives Ott, Hahn, Ainsworth,
Petrowski, Kestell, Suder, Loeffelholz, Bies,
Hines, Gronemus, Plouff, Reynolds, Steinbrink,

Lassa, Schneider and Hubler.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances for

- Rep. Jake Hines, 42nd Assembly District
- Victoria Carter CVT, Wisconsin Veterinary Technician Association
- Teri Raffel, Wisconsin Veterinary Technician Association
- Dr. Randy Schuett DVM, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
- Rachel Rothschild, UW-Madison School of Vet Medicine

Appearances against

• None.

Appearances for Information Only

Marc Gumz, Baraboo

Registrations for

- Keeley Moll, DATCP
- Leslie Grendahl, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
- Senator Dave Hansen, 30th Senate District

Registrations against

• None.

February 28, 2002 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: (16) Representatives Ott, Hahn, Ainsworth,
Petrowski, Kestell, Suder, Loeffelholz, Bies,
Hines, Gronemus, Plouff, Reynolds, Steinbrink,
Lassa, Schneider and Hubler.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Gronemus, seconded by Representative Hines, that **Assembly Bill 845** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (16) Representatives Ott, Hahn, Ainsworth,
Petrowski, Kestell, Suder, Loeffelholz, Bies,
Hines, Gronemus, Plouff, Reynolds,
Steinbrink, Lassa, Schneider and Hubler.

Noes: (0) None. Absent: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 16, Noes 0, Absent 0

Beata Kalies Committee Clerk



CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

TO:

All Legislators

FROM:

Representative Al Ott

DATE:

January 7, 2001

RE:

LRB-3558/1, relating to continuing education for veterinarians and

veterinary technicians and granting rule-making authority.

DUE BY:

February 8, 2002 SHORT DEADLINE

Representative Ott is introducing LRB-3558/1, which would establish mandatory continuing education for Wisconsin veterinarians. Currently most vets do keep up with their profession, but they are not required to do so. Wisconsin is only one of eight states that does not require mandatory continuing education.

Dept. of Regulation and Licensing, Veterinary Examining Board, Dept. of Ag, Trade & Consumer Protection, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Wisconsin Veterinary Technician Association support this issue.

If you would like to co-sponsor this bill, or have questions about what we are up to, please contact Beata in my office by replying to this email or calling 266-5831 Before end of the day on Friday, February 8th.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the veterinary examining board (board) issues licenses to veterinarians and certifications to veterinary technicians, which must be renewed every two years. The board is required to promulgate rules requiring continuing education to ensure that veterinarians and veterinary technicians are competent in using, handling, distributing, and disposing of pesticides.

This bill requires the board to promulgate continuing education rules to ensure competency in practicing veterinary medicine, including, but not limited to, competency in using, handling, distributing, and disposing of pesticides.

In addition, with certain exceptions, the bill requires an applicant who applies to renew a veterinary license or veterinary technician certification to submit proof of completion of continuing education.

Veterinarians must complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years and veterinary technicians must complete 15 hours every two years. The continuing education requirements do not apply the first time that a veterinarian or veterinary technician applies to renew his or her license or certification.

In addition, the board may waive the requirements if exceptional circumstances such as prolonged illness or disability, prevent a veterinarian or veterinary technician form meeting the requirements. Also, the bill allows the board at any time to require a veterinarian or veterinary technician to submit proof that he or she has completed continuing education during the preceding two-year licensure or certification period.





Kalies, Beata

From: Leslie Grendahl [grendahl@wvma.org]

Sent: Monday, February 11, 2002 2:14 PM

To: beata.kalies@legis.state.wi.us Subject: LRB 3558 CE for veterinarians

The following legislators or their aides said they would support and/or sponsor this bill.

Sen. Alan Lasee

- Sen Peggy Rosenzweig

-Sen. Jim Baumgart ?

Sen. Sheila Harsdorf 7.

V- Sen. Joanne Huelsman ?

V-Sen. Dale Schultz

- Sen. Mike Ellis No Ans.

Sen. Dave Zien - ?

Sen. Fred Risser

V Sen. Mark Meyer (Second)

Rep. Jake Hines VAI OH (Scenna)

Rep. Bary Bies

-Rep. Scott Walker (Sugar)

-Rep. Sue Jeskewitz

Rep. Joe Plouff

- Rep. Scott Jensen-(Summert)

Rep. Mark Miller /

Rep. Gabe Loeffelholz

-Rep. Steve Weickert ?

Rep. Bonnie Ladwig

Rep. Michael Huebsch(Supring)

Rep. Dwayne Johnsrud?

Vrakas

Hencermodes

I hope this helps. Thanks for the work you are doing. I talked to Myra Shelton and she is sending over the jacket for you. She was waiting for the fiscal note -- which will be zero, but doesn't know where that is at this time.

Sincerely,

Leslie G. Grendahl, Executive Director Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association 301 N. Broom Street Madison, WI 53703 (608) 257-3665 (608) 257-8989 (fax) grendahl@wvma.org

www.wvma.org





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: Subject: Herrera, Oscar-DRL; Horstman, Greg; Dusso, William; Gorlen, Gary - DRL

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 myra.shelton@drl.state.wi.us 608-266-8608





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 apologizes 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.

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.

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
>
By: Myra L. Shelton, Executive Assistant
> And Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary
> Department of Regulation and Licensing
 myra.shelton@drl.state.wi.us/608-266-8608

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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

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State Senator

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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.

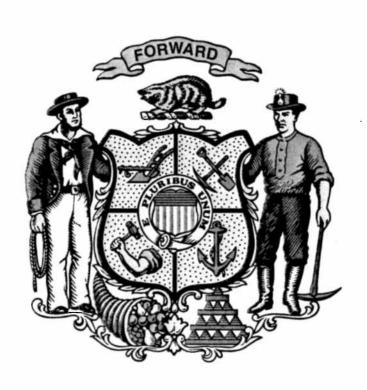
In the year 2000, approximately 770 veterinarians attended continuing education programs sponsored solely or jointly by the School of Veterinary Medicine. This represented the school's involvement in ten separate programs, lasting one or two days each. Given other commitments of faculty and staff at 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.



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Assembly Republican Majority Bill Summary

AB 845: Mandatory Continuing Education

Relating to: continuing education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians and granting rule-making authority.

Introduced by: Representatives Hines, Ott, Bies, Jeskewitz, Plouff, Loeffleholz, Wickert, Ladwig, Johnsrud, J.Lehman, Gronemus, Krawczyk, Vrakas, Kestell, Hundertmark and Ainsworth; cosponsored by Senators Hansen, M. Meyer, A.Lasse, Darling, Harsdorf, Huelsman, Schultz and Risser, by request of the Veterinary Examining Board and Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association.

Date: March 6, 2002

BACKGROUND

Under current law, licenses for veterinarians and certifications for veterinary technicians must be renewed every two years. The veterinary examining board creates rules to ensure competency in the industry but does not require mandatory continuation of education.

SUMMARY OF AB 845

Assembly Bill 845, requires applicants for renewal to submit evidence that continuing education was completed. This would mean that veterinarians must complete 30 hours of continuing education and veterinary technicians must complete 15 hours of continuing education every two years.

FISCAL EFFECT

A fiscal estimate prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing, indicates increased costs in order to assure compliance as do other existing continuing education requirements.

PROS

- 1. This legislation requires veterinarians and technicians to keep up with the changes in the industry thus assuring best care for our animals.
- 2. Because AB 845 makes continuing education mandatory, it improves the quality of service and enhances the reputation of veterinarians as professionals.
- 3. Assembly Bill 845 would increase participation in current continuing education courses offered at the University of Wisconsin School of Vet Medicine and distance education.

CONS

1. This legislation requires additional work for the Department of Regulation and Licensing to ensure compliance.

SUPPORTERS

Rep. Jake Hines, author; Sen. Dave Hansen, lead co-sponsor; Victoria Carter CVT, Wisconsin Veterinary Technician Association; Teri Raffel, Wisconsin Veterinary Technician Association; Dr. Randy Schuett DMV, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association; Rachel Rothschild, UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine; Keeley Moll, DATCP; and Leslie Grendahl, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association.

OPPOSITION

No one registered or testified against AB 845.

HISTORY

Assembly Bill 845 was introduced on February 20, 2002 and referred to the Assembly Committee on Agriculture. A public hearing was held on February 28, 2002. On February 28, 2002, the Committee voted 16-0-0 to recommend passage of AB 845.

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Request for Mandatory Continuing Education for Wisconsin Veterinarians and Certified **Veterinary Technicians** (LRB 3558 attached)

The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA) asks for your support of legislation to establish mandatory continuing education for Wisconsin veterinarians.

The WVMA membership values continuing education as a way to elevate the profession and enhance the quality of service to the consuming public. Though most veterinarians keep up with their profession, they are not required to do so.

Currently, Wisconsin is one of eight states that does not require mandatory continuing education. The other seven are Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island. Rhode Island has a bill pending in the legislature.

The Department of Regulation and Licensing, the Veterinary Examining Board, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the WVMA and the Wisconsin Veterinary Technician Association all support this issue.

- Require the Veterinary Examining Board to promulgate continuing education rules to ensure competency in practicing veterinary medicine.
- Require an applicant who applies to renew a veterinary license or veterinary technician certification to acknowledge completion of continuing education.
- Veterinarians would be required to complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years and veterinary technicians must complete 15 hours every two years.
- The Examining Board could at any time require a veterinarian or veterinary technician to submit evidence of the continuing education programs or courses that he or she has completed during the preceding 2-year licensure or certification period.
- The Examining Board may waive the continuing education requirements if it finds that exceptional circumstances, such as prolonged illness, disability or other similar circumstances, have prevented an applicant from meeting the requirements.
- There would be no fiscal note attached to this bill.

Again, we ask for your support of this legislation. Please contact WVMA Executive Director Leslie Grendahl at (608) 257-3665 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

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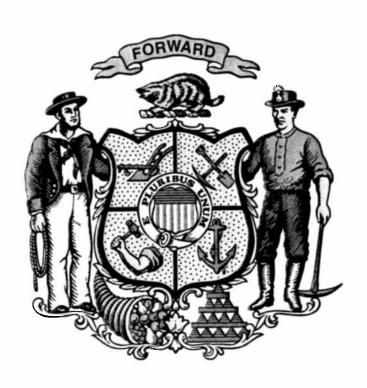
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