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2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 166

March 24, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Radcliffe, Tauchen, Vruwink, Townsend, Jorgensen, Smith, Lothian, Ballweg, Turner, Clark, Danou, Gunderson, Brooks, A. Ott, Mason and Nerison, cosponsored by Senators Vinehout, Lassa, Harsdorf, Taylor, Schultz, Kedzie, Olsen, Lehman and Hansen. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

AN ACT *to repeal* 25.465 (4m) and 94.702; and *to amend* 453.03 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** the use of pesticides by veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, certain persons who use pesticides must be licensed by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The licensing requirement does not apply to a veterinarian or a veterinary technician who uses a pesticide in the course of his or her practice, but a veterinary clinic at which pesticides are repackaged or used must have a veterinary clinic permit issued by DATCP.

This bill eliminates the requirement that a veterinary clinic at which pesticides are repackaged or used have a veterinary clinic permit issued by DATCP.

Current law requires the Veterinary Examining Board to promulgate rules requiring training and continuing education sufficient to assure competency of veterinarians and veterinary technicians in the use and disposal of pesticides. This bill generally prohibits the board from requiring training and continuing education concerning the use and disposal of pesticides.

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

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

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1	SECTION 1. 25.465 (4m) of the statutes is repealed.
2	SECTION 2. 94.702 of the statutes is repealed.
3	SECTION 3. 453.03 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
4	453.03 (2) The examining board shall promulgate rules requiring training and
5	continuing education sufficient to assure competency of veterinarians and
6	veterinary technicians in the practice of veterinary medicine, including except that
7	the board may not require training or continuing education concerning the use,
8	handling, distribution, and disposal of pesticides other than for disciplinary
9	<u>purposes</u> .

10 (END)