AN ACT to renumber and amend 450.19 (1); and to create 450.19 (1) (a) of the statutes; relating to: the exclusion of veterinarians from the prescription drug monitoring program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Pharmacy Examining Board (board) to establish a prescription drug monitoring program (program) upon the board’s receipt of certain federal funds. Once established, the program requires a pharmacist or other practitioner to generate a record documenting each dispensing of a prescription drug that is covered by the program, generally certain controlled substances or other drugs the board identifies as having a substantial potential for abuse. The pharmacist or practitioner must then deliver that record to the board. Under current law, a person who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Wisconsin is a practitioner subject to the program.

This bill exempts licensed veterinarians from the requirements of the program.

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

SECTION 1. 450.19 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 450.19 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:
450.19 (1) (intro.) In this section, “prescription:

(b) “Prescription drug” means a substance identified in s. 961.16 or 961.18 or a drug identified by the board by rule as having a substantial potential for abuse.

SECTION 2. 450.19 (1) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

450.19 (1) (a) “Practitioner” has the meaning given in s. 450.01 (17) but does not include a veterinarian licensed under ch. 453.


(1) The pharmacy examining board may not require a veterinarian licensed under chapter 453 of the statutes to deliver to the board a record that the veterinarian generated in compliance with the program under section 450.19 of the statutes before the effective date of this subsection.

(END)