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## HOUSE BILL No. 1389

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DIGEST OF HB 1389 (Updated February 12, 2013 10:25 am - DI 96)

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-38.1.

**Synopsis:** Veterinarians. Provides that a veterinarian who supervises a registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant shall determine, except where prohibited by law, if the tasks being delegated are commensurate with the technician's or assistant's training, experience, and skills.

**Effective:** July 1, 2013.

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January 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions.  
February 12, 2013, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2013)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-38.1-4-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008,  
2 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 3. (a) A supervising veterinarian shall determine  
4 and is responsible for determining, ~~the appropriate level of supervision~~  
5 except where prohibited by law, if the tasks being delegated are  
6 commensurate with ~~the~~ employee's training, experience, and skills.  
7 (b) Registered veterinary technicians may, under direct or indirect  
8 supervision, perform routine food animal management practices if a  
9 valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists.  
10 (c) A registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant may not  
11 receive a fee or compensation for veterinary services other than salary  
12 or compensation paid by the establishment where the individual is  
13 employed.  
14 (d) In the performance of delegated veterinary tasks, a registered  
15 veterinary technician and veterinary assistant shall do the following:  
16 (1) Accept only those delegated veterinary tasks for which there  
17 are mutually approved protocols, written standing orders, or

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- 1 verbal directions.
- 2 (2) Accept only those delegated veterinary tasks that:
- 3 (A) the registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant
- 4 is competent to perform based on education, training, or
- 5 experience; and
- 6 (B) are not prohibited by law.
- 7 (3) Consult with the supervising veterinarian in cases where the
- 8 registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant knows or
- 9 should have known that a delegated veterinary task may harm an
- 10 animal.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions, to which was referred House Bill 1389, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Page 2, line 4, reset in roman "and is responsible for determining".

Page 2, line 4, after "determining" insert ",".

Page 2, line 4, strike "the appropriate level of supervision".

Page 2, reset in roman line 5.

Page 2, line 6, reset in roman "commensurate with".

Page 2, line 6, delete "for which an employee is qualified based upon".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1389 as introduced.)

GUTWEIN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

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