

HOUSE BILL No. 1389

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-38.1.

Synopsis: Veterinarians. Provides that in addition to the fee for the issuance or renewal of a license, registration, or permit, the board of veterinary medical examiners shall establish a fee of not more than \$10 per year for a person who holds a license or special permit as a veterinarian or a registration or special permit as a veterinary technician. Requires that the fees must be deposited into the veterinary investigative fund. Removes an exception to the requirement that a veterinarian who supervises a registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant determine the appropriate level of that supervision.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions.

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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 25-38.1-2-19, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008,
2 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 19. (a) The board shall establish by rule under
4 IC 25-1-8 fees sufficient to implement this article, including fees for
5 examining and licensing veterinarians and for examining and
6 registering veterinary technicians.
7 (b) In addition to the fee to issue or renew a license, registration, or
8 permit, the board ~~may~~ **shall** establish a fee of not more than ten dollars
9 (\$10) per year for a person who holds a license or special permit as a
10 veterinarian or a registration or special permit as a veterinary
11 technician to provide funds for administering and enforcing the
12 provisions of this article, including investigating and taking action
13 against persons who violate this article. All funds collected under this
14 subsection shall be deposited in the veterinary investigative fund
15 established by section 25 of this chapter.
16 (c) The fees established under this section shall be charged and
17 collected by the agency.



1 SECTION 2. 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~~ **for which an employee is qualified based upon**
7 **the** employee's training, experience, and skills.

8 (b) Registered veterinary technicians may, under direct or indirect
9 supervision, perform routine food animal management practices if a
10 valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists.

11 (c) A registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant may not
12 receive a fee or compensation for veterinary services other than salary
13 or compensation paid by the establishment where the individual is
14 employed.

15 (d) In the performance of delegated veterinary tasks, a registered
16 veterinary technician and veterinary assistant shall do the following:

17 (1) Accept only those delegated veterinary tasks for which there
18 are mutually approved protocols, written standing orders, or
19 verbal directions.

20 (2) Accept only those delegated veterinary tasks that:

21 (A) the registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant
22 is competent to perform based on education, training, or
23 experience; and

24 (B) are not prohibited by law.

25 (3) Consult with the supervising veterinarian in cases where the
26 registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant knows or
27 should have known that a delegated veterinary task may harm an
28 animal.

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