

HOUSE BILL No. 1550

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-38.1.

Synopsis: Veterinary education equivalence. Provides that for purposes of obtaining and renewing a veterinarian license, the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence is considered an approved educational program. Requires the board of veterinary medical examiners to amend rules to make conforming changes.

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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 25-38.1-1-10.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 10.7. "PAVE certificate" means**
- 4 **a Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education**
- 5 **Equivalence certificate issued by the American Association of**
- 6 **Veterinary State Boards, indicating that the holder has**
- 7 **demonstrated knowledge and skill equivalent to that possessed by**
- 8 **a graduate of an accredited college of veterinary medicine.**
- 9 SECTION 2. IC 25-38.1-1-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
- 10 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 11 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 14. "Veterinarian" means an individual who:
- 12 (1) was a licensed veterinarian on August 31, 1979; ~~or who~~
- 13 (2) has received a professional degree from an accredited college
- 14 of veterinary medicine;
- 15 (3) holds an ECFVG certificate; or
- 16 (4) holds a PAVE certificate.
- 17 SECTION 3. IC 25-38.1-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.177-2009,



1 SECTION 59, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 1. (a) A person may not practice veterinary
3 medicine in Indiana unless the person:

4 (1) is licensed as a veterinarian in Indiana; or

5 (2) holds a special permit issued by the board.

6 (b) The following persons are exempt from the licensing or special
7 permit requirements of this chapter:

8 (1) A veterinarian on the faculty of the School of Veterinary
9 Medicine at Purdue University performing regular duties, or a
10 veterinarian employed by the animal disease diagnostic laboratory
11 established by IC 21-46-3-1 performing regular duties.

12 (2) A veterinary medical officer serving in the United States
13 armed forces or veterinarian employed by a federal, state, or local
14 government agency performing veterinary medical services that
15 are within the scope of official duties and are performed during
16 the period of the person's service.

17 (3) An individual who is a regular student in an accredited college
18 of veterinary medicine performing duties or actions assigned by
19 the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue
20 University or working under the direct supervision of a licensed
21 veterinarian.

22 (4) An extern.

23 (5) A veterinarian who is licensed and is a resident in another
24 state or country and consults with a veterinarian licensed under
25 this article.

26 (6) An owner or a contract operator of an animal or a regular
27 employee of the owner or a contract operator caring for and
28 treating an animal, except where the ownership of the animal was
29 transferred for purposes of circumventing this chapter.

30 (7) A guest lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at
31 the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University, or
32 elsewhere, in connection with a continuing education program.

33 (8) An individual while engaged in bona fide scientific research
34 that:

35 (A) reasonably requires experimentation involving animals;
36 and

37 (B) is conducted in a facility or with a company that complies
38 with federal regulations regarding animal welfare.

39 (9) A graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine who is
40 in the process of obtaining an ECFVG certificate **or PAVE**
41 **certificate** and who is under the direct supervision of:

42 (A) the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue

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- 1 University; or
- 2 (B) a veterinarian licensed under this article.
- 3 (10) A veterinarian who is enrolled in a postgraduate instructional
- 4 program in an accredited college of veterinary medicine
- 5 performing duties or actions assigned by the faculty of the School
- 6 of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University.
- 7 (11) A member in good standing of another licensed or regulated
- 8 profession within Indiana who:
- 9 (A) provides assistance requested by a veterinarian licensed
- 10 under this article;
- 11 (B) acts with the consent of the client;
- 12 (C) acts within a veterinarian-client-patient relationship; and
- 13 (D) acts under the direct or indirect supervision of the licensed
- 14 veterinarian.

15 SECTION 4. IC 25-38.1-3-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008,
 16 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 2. To become a licensed veterinarian, a person
 18 must:

- 19 (1) not have a conviction for a crime that has a direct bearing on
- 20 the person's ability to practice ethically and competently;
- 21 (2) not have committed an act that would have been a violation of
- 22 IC 25-1-9-4 or IC 25-1-9-6;
- 23 (3) pay the fees required under this article;
- 24 (4) have successfully:
- 25 (A) completed a program in veterinary medicine from an
- 26 accredited college of veterinary medicine; ~~and~~ **or**
- 27 **(B) received an ECFVG certificate or a PAVE certificate;**
- 28 **and**
- 29 (5) have successfully completed the examinations described in
- 30 section 4 of this chapter or qualify for a license without
- 31 examination under section 5 of this chapter.

32 However, a person who was licensed as a veterinarian in Indiana on
 33 August 31, 1979, is not required to meet the requirements of
 34 subdivision (4) or (5).

35 SECTION 5. IC 25-38.1-3-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
 36 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 37 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this subsection, "term" refers to
 38 an academic semester, trimester, or quarter. A person desiring a license
 39 to practice veterinary medicine shall make written application to the
 40 board. The application must state that the applicant: ~~is:~~

- 41 (1) ~~is~~ a graduate of an accredited college of veterinary medicine;
- 42 ~~or~~

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1 (2) is enrolled in the last term of the last year of the veterinary
 2 medical curriculum of an accredited school of veterinary
 3 medicine;

4 **(3) holds an ECFVG certificate; or**

5 **(4) holds a PAVE certificate.**

6 If the applicant is enrolled as a last term student as described in
 7 subdivision (2), a letter from the dean of the student's veterinary school
 8 confirming that the applicant is a last term student, attesting to the
 9 satisfactory academic standing of the student, and stating the date on
 10 which the degree is expected to be conferred upon the student must
 11 accompany the application. A license to practice veterinary medicine
 12 in Indiana may not be issued until satisfactory proof has been furnished
 13 to the board either that the applicant has graduated from an accredited
 14 college of veterinary medicine or that the applicant is the holder of an
 15 Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG)
 16 certificate **or a Program for the Assessment of Veterinary**
 17 **Education Equivalence (PAVE) certificate.** The application must
 18 show reasonable information and proof required by the board by rule.
 19 The application must be accompanied by the required fee.

20 (b) If the board determines that the applicant possesses the proper
 21 qualifications, the board may grant the applicant a license. If the board
 22 determines that the applicant is not qualified to take the examination
 23 or that the applicant does not qualify for a license without examination,
 24 the executive secretary of the board shall immediately notify the
 25 applicant in writing of the finding and the grounds for the finding.
 26 Applicants found unqualified may request a hearing on the question of
 27 their qualifications.

28 SECTION 6. IC 25-38.1-3-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
 29 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 5. The board may issue a license without an
 31 examination to a qualified applicant who:

32 (1) furnishes satisfactory proof that the applicant:

33 **(A)** is a graduate of an accredited college of veterinary
 34 medicine; or

35 **(B)** holds an Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary
 36 Graduates (ECFVG) certificate **or a Program for the**
 37 **Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE)**
 38 **certificate;**

39 (2) for the five (5) years immediately preceding filing an
 40 application has been a practicing veterinarian licensed in a state,
 41 territory, or district of the United States that has license
 42 requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of this

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1 chapter; and
2 (3) otherwise meets the requirements of this chapter.
3 SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013] (a) **Before September**
4 **1, 2013, the Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners shall**
5 **amend 888 IAC 1.1-6-1 and 888 IAC 1.1-7-1 to include holders of**
6 **a Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education**
7 **Equivalence (PAVE) certificate as qualified applicants as provided**
8 **by this act.**
9 (b) **This SECTION expires June 30, 2014.**

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