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S.F. No. 1773 - University of Minnesota employees veterinary medicine licensure modification

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Bill Overview

S.F. 1773 establishes a form of licensure under the Board of Veterinary Medicine for an “institutional license.” This license type may be issued to individuals who seek to practice veterinary medicine under employment by the University of Minnesota but are not otherwise eligible to do so as they are not regularly licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Such licensure is contingent upon various educational, credentialing, and application requirements. This bill expands upon existing law by offering this new licensure category and repealing the narrower existing law, under which foreign veterinary school graduates and veterinary practitioners in hard-to-fill faculty positions at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine may be granted a specialty or temporary faculty Veterinary Medical Center clinician license by the Board of Veterinary Medicine; all other Veterinary Medical Center clinicians practicing veterinary medicine must currently be licensed by the board as veterinarians.

Section Summaries

Section 1 (adds Minn. Stat. § 156.0721)

Subd. 1. This subdivision establishes the requirements for obtaining an “institutional license.” These licenses are to be issued to a person who (i) seeks to practice veterinary medicine while employed by the University of Minnesota, and (ii) is not eligible for a regular license. In addition, applicants must meet additional criteria, including but not limited to, the following: obtained the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine or its equivalent; has passed the Minnesota Veterinary Jurisprudent Examination; has paid the license fee; provides proof of employment by the University of Minnesota; and has completed a criminal background check. This subdivision further provides that the

University of Minnesota may be responsible for timely payment of renewal fees and submission of renewal forms.

Subd. 2. This subdivision details the scope of practice for an institutional licensee. Specifically, an institutional license holder may practice veterinary medicine only as related to the license holder's regular function at the University of Minnesota. Accordingly, an institutional license is canceled pursuant to this section if the licensee is no longer employed by the University of Minnesota in this state. This subdivision requires an institutional license holder to abide by all laws governing the practice of veterinary medicine in the state, and provides that such licensee is subject to the same disciplinary action as any other Minnesota-licensed veterinarian.

Section 2 (amends Minn. Stat. § 156.12, subd. 2) This section updates a cross-reference, removes language pertaining to the College of Agriculture and inserts language relating to the School of Nursing, and moves language relating to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Section 3 (amends Minn. Stat. § 156.12, subd. 4) This section permits an institutional licensee to use certain titles and designations relating to the practice of veterinary medicine.

Section 4 (Repealer) This section repeals Minn. Stat. § 156.12, subd. 6 (relating to specialty and temporary faculty licensure for foreign veterinary school graduates and veterinary practitioners in hard-to-fill faculty positions).