

House Bill 91

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to licensing, so as to provide for licensure for graduates of foreign colleges or
3 schools of veterinary medicine who are board certified in a specialty; to provide for an
4 exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 licensing, is amended by revising Code Section 43-50-31, relating to application for license,
9 qualifications, and recordation of license, as follows:

10 "43-50-31.

11 (a) Any person desiring a license to practice veterinary medicine in this state shall make
12 application to the board. The application shall include evidence, satisfactory to the board,
13 that:

14 (1) The applicant has attained the age of 18;

15 (2) The applicant is of good moral character;

16 (3)(A) The applicant;

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17 (i) Is is a graduate of an accredited college or a school of veterinary medicine
18 accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education or
19 possesses an ECFVG or PAVE certificate or substantial equivalent; and
20 ~~(4)(ii) Has~~ The applicant has passed a board approved examination; provided,
21 however, that the board may provide by rule or regulation for a waiver of any part of
22 such examination for veterinarians who are licensed as such by another state and who
23 are in good standing therewith; or

24 (B) The applicant:

25 (i) Is a graduate of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine; and
26 (ii) Has completed a residency program or similar training duration program of two
27 or more years and has received board certification from a veterinary medicine
28 specialty organization recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association,
29 the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, or other American Veterinary Medical
30 Association board approved organization; provided, however, that such applicant
31 upon licensure shall only be authorized to practice veterinary medicine in the area of
32 his or her certified veterinary medicine specialty; and provided, further, that any other
33 practice of veterinary medicine shall be deemed a violation of subsection (a) of Code
34 Section 43-50-30 and subsection (a) of Code Section 43-50-45; and

35 ~~(5)(4)~~ The applicant meets such other qualifications or provides such other information
36 as the board may require by rule.

37 (b) The application shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount established by the board.

38 (c) The division director shall record the new licenses and issue such licenses to the new
39 licensees.

40 (d) If an applicant is found not qualified for licensure, the board shall notify the applicant
41 in writing of such finding and the grounds therefor. Such applicant may request a hearing
42 before the board on the questions of his or her qualifications."

43 **SECTION 2.**

44 Said article is further amended in Code Section 43-50-44, relating to exemptions from article,
45 by adding a new subparagraph to paragraph (2) to read as follows:

46 "(2)(A) A person who is a regular student in a veterinary school or school of veterinary
47 technology performing duties or actions assigned by his or her instructors or working
48 under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian;

49 (B) A member of the faculty, a resident, an intern, or a graduate student of an
50 accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology
51 performing his or her regular clinical or nonclinical functions or a person lecturing or
52 giving instructions or demonstrations at an accredited college or school of veterinary
53 medicine or school of veterinary technology in connection with a continuing education
54 course or seminar;

55 (B.1) A person licensed pursuant to subparagraph (a)(2)(B) of Code Section 45-50-31
56 from lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations in an area within such person's
57 certified veterinary medicine specialty at an accredited college or school of veterinary
58 medicine or school of veterinary technology and in connection with a continuing
59 education course or seminar; or

60 (C) A graduate of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine who is in the
61 process of obtaining the ECFVG or PAVE certificate or substantial equivalent
62 performing duties or actions under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian;"

63 **SECTION 3.**

64 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.