

House Bill 91 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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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 provide for an effective date; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 "43-50-31.

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

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

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

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- 17 (3)(A) The applicant:
- 18 (i) Is is a graduate of an accredited college or a school of veterinary medicine
- 19 accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education or
- 20 possesses an ECFVG or PAVE certificate or substantial equivalent; and
- 21 ~~(4)(ii) Has~~ The applicant has passed a board approved examination; provided,
- 22 however, that the board may provide by rule or regulation for a waiver of any part of
- 23 such examination for veterinarians who are licensed as such by another state and who
- 24 are in good standing therewith; or
- 25 (B) The applicant:
- 26 (i) Is a graduate of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine and has
- 27 submitted a transcript certifying completion of his or her education in veterinary
- 28 medicine. In support of such certification of completion, such graduate may submit:
- 29 (I) An ECFVG certificate or its substantial equivalent;
- 30 (II) A PAVE certificate or its substantial equivalent; or
- 31 (III) Any other document as authorized by the board; and
- 32 (ii) Has completed a residency program or similar training duration program of two
- 33 or more years and has received board certification from a veterinary medicine
- 34 specialty organization recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association,
- 35 the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, or other American Veterinary Medical
- 36 Association board approved organization; provided, however, that such applicant
- 37 upon licensure shall only be authorized to practice veterinary medicine in the area of
- 38 his or her certified veterinary medicine specialty; and provided, further, that any other
- 39 practice of veterinary medicine shall be deemed a violation of subsection (a) of Code
- 40 Section 43-50-30 and subsection (a) of Code Section 43-50-45; and
- 41 ~~(5)(4)~~ The applicant meets such other qualifications or provides such other information
- 42 as the board may require by rule.
- 43 (b) The application shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount established by the board.

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

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

49 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

55 (B) A member of the faculty, a resident, an intern, or a graduate student of an  
56 accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology  
57 performing his or her regular clinical or nonclinical functions or a person lecturing or  
58 giving instructions or demonstrations at an accredited college or school of veterinary  
59 medicine or school of veterinary technology in connection with a continuing education  
60 course or seminar;

61 (B.1) A person licensed pursuant to subparagraph (a)(2)(B) of Code Section 43-50-31  
62 from lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations in an area within such person's  
63 certified veterinary medicine specialty at an accredited college or school of veterinary  
64 medicine or school of veterinary technology and in connection with a continuing  
65 education course or seminar; or

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

69 **SECTION 3.**

70 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
71 without such approval.

72 **SECTION 4.**

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