

CHAPTER 95

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Original House Bill No. 125

AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; providing for membership on the board of veterinary medicine as specified; requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 33-30-204(a) and (b) is amended to read:

33-30-204. Board of veterinary medicine.

(a) A Wyoming board of veterinary medicine shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the consent of the senate, and shall consist of five (5) ~~veterinarians~~ members who shall hold office for a term of six (6) years. Four (4) members shall be licensed veterinarians, one (1) member shall be a consumer of veterinary services. Members of the state board of veterinary examiners previously appointed under ~~the chapter which this act repeals~~ shall continue as members of the board until the expiration of the term for which they were appointed. Initial appointments to the board may be for less than six (6) years so that the terms of not more than two (2) members shall expire in any one (1) biennium. Whenever the occasion arises for an appointment of a licensed veterinarian under this section the Wyoming Veterinary Medical Association shall nominate three (3) or more qualified persons and forward the nominations to the governor at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the senate. Vacancies due to death, resignation or removal shall be filled by appointment by the governor in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101 upon nominations being made as otherwise provided in this section for appointment. No person shall serve two (2) consecutive six (6) year terms, but a person appointed for a term of fewer than six (6) years, or to fill a vacancy, may succeed himself. Effective July 1, 1979, appointments and terms shall be made in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101 through 28-12-103.

(b) ~~A person~~ Any member of the board who is required to be a licensed veterinarian shall be qualified to serve as a member of the board if he is a graduate of a college of veterinary medicine, a resident of this state, and has been licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state for the five (5) years immediately preceding the time of his appointment. No person may serve on the board who is, or was during the two (2) years immediately preceding his appointment, a member of the faculty, trustees or advisory board of a college of veterinary medicine.

Section 2. The Wyoming board of veterinary medicine shall provide a report to the Joint Agriculture, Public Lands and Water Resources Interim Committee in December of 1997 and 1998 outlining the board's approach to the regulation of specialty veterinary practices. The report

shall include any proposals by the board to define areas of veterinary practice including specialty practices and common animal husbandry.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 1997.

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