

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0074

Veterinarian loan repayment program.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn., Blake,
Hammons and Olsen and Senator(s) Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to veterinarians; authorizing loan
2 reimbursement for veterinarians; requiring the Wyoming
3 livestock board to consult with licensing boards and
4 professional associations, as specified; providing
5 rulemaking authority; providing an appropriation; and
6 providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-18-119 is created to read:

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12 **11-18-119. Veterinarian loan repayment program;**
13 **rulemaking authority.**

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15 (a) The board is authorized to enter into agreements
16 with veterinarians who have graduated from accredited
17 veterinary colleges to provide food animal health care in

1 this state. For purposes of this section, "food animal"
2 means cattle, swine, sheep or goats. The agreements shall:

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4 (i) Provide for the veterinarian to practice
5 food animal veterinary medicine in a community of the state
6 from among a list of communities developed by the board. A
7 veterinarian shall agree to provide food animal veterinary
8 care for the period of the contract in underserved areas of
9 the state;

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11 (ii) Provide that the veterinarian shall be
12 repaid up to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of
13 outstanding educational loans the veterinarian has acquired
14 as a direct result of undergraduate or postgraduate
15 educational training directly related to providing food
16 animal veterinary services, not to exceed thirty thousand
17 dollars (\$30,000.00) per year, including the matching funds
18 specified in subsection (d) of this section, in exchange
19 for practicing his profession under the terms of this
20 section;

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22 (iii) Require the veterinarian to practice food
23 animal veterinary services for a minimum of three (3) years
24 under the agreement;

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2 (iv) Contain other provisions the board deems
3 necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this
4 section.

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6 (b) The board, in consultation with the appropriate
7 licensing board and professional association, shall
8 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the
9 purposes of this section. In carrying out this section the
10 board shall assess food animal veterinary care needs of the
11 state by geographic areas and shall prioritize and enter
12 into agreements under this section accordingly.

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14 (c) The board may vary the terms of each agreement in
15 accordance with this section based upon the community and
16 the food animal veterinary needs of the state.

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18 (d) No state money shall be expended for repayment of
19 any loan under this section unless twenty-five percent
20 (25%) of the money is matched with other funds in any
21 combination from any county, city, veterinary clinic,
22 animal care facility, state agency, university, laboratory
23 or veterinary association.

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1 **Section 2.** There is appropriated two hundred seventy
2 thousand dollars (\$270,000.00) from the general fund to the
3 Wyoming livestock board. This appropriation shall only be
4 expended for the purpose of providing for loan repayments
5 pursuant to W.S. 11-18-119. Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
7 transferred or expended for any other purpose. Any
8 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
9 appropriation shall not revert but shall remain available
10 for expenditure as provided by this act. A request for
11 this appropriation amount shall be included in the Wyoming
12 livestock board 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

14 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

16 (END)