

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0007

Wyoming Veterinary Medical Practice Act-2.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands
and Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to veterinarians; amending definitions
2 relating to the practice of veterinary medicine; increasing
3 board member salaries; providing exceptions for emergency
4 veterinary care; requiring continuing education; increasing
5 penalties; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-30-202(a) by creating a new
10 paragraph (ix), 33-30-203(a) by creating new paragraphs
11 (xii) and (xiii), 33-30-204(e), 33-30-211 by creating a new
12 subsection (e) and 33-30-214(a) are amended to read:

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14 **33-30-202. Definitions.**

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1 (a) When used in this act, these words and phrases,
2 unless the context otherwise indicates, shall be defined as
3 follows:

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5 (ix) "Animal health emergency" means any event
6 or situation involving animal disease or animal welfare
7 that threatens public welfare and the viability of animal
8 industries, including, but not limited to, incursion of
9 foreign animal disease, natural disaster and bioterrorism.

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11 **33-30-203. License required; exceptions.**

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13 (a) No person may practice veterinary medicine in the
14 state who is not a licensed veterinarian or the holder of a
15 valid temporary permit issued by the board. This act shall
16 not be construed to prohibit:

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18 (xii) Any person who, without expectation of
19 compensation, provides emergency veterinary care at the
20 site in an emergency or disaster situation;

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22 (xiii) The state veterinarian from deputizing
23 licensed veterinarians to assist as deputy state
24 veterinarians in case of an emergency as provided in W.S.

1 11-18-103(a)(ii). The state veterinarian may request the
2 assistance of licensed veterinarians from other states as
3 needed in emergency situations without requiring Wyoming
4 licensure.

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6 **33-30-204. Board of veterinary medicine.**

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8 (e) Each member of the board shall ~~be paid~~
9 ~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for each day or substantial~~
10 ~~portion thereof that he is engaged in the work of the~~
11 ~~board, in addition to such reimbursement for travel and per~~
12 ~~diem allowance as is normally~~ receive compensation from the
13 veterinary medicine account for each day actually spent in
14 the performance of his official board duties at the salary
15 rate provided in W.S. 28-5-101(d) and per diem and mileage
16 as allowed to state employees.

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18 **33-30-211. Expiration and renewal of licenses; fees;**
19 **veterinarians on active duty with armed services; duplicate**
20 **licenses; continuing education.**

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22 (e) The renewal under subsection (a) of this section
23 shall be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the board
24 of compliance with this chapter and completion of

1 continuing education activities as established by rules and
2 regulations of the board.

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4 **33-30-214. Penalty for violation; injunction.**

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6 (a) Any person who ~~shall practice veterinary medicine~~
7 ~~without a currently valid license or temporary permit shall~~
8 ~~be~~ violates W.S. 33-30-101 through 33-30-215 is guilty of a
9 misdemeanor ~~and upon conviction for a first offense shall~~
10 ~~be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or~~
11 ~~imprisoned for no more than ninety (90) days~~ punishable by
12 a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars
13 (\$750.00), by imprisonment for not more than six (6)
14 months, or both. ~~fined and imprisoned; provided that~~ Each
15 act of such unlawful practice shall constitute a distinct
16 and separate offense.

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18 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
19 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
20 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
21 Constitution.

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23 (END)