By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Latvala

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to veterinary practice; amending s. 474.202, F.S.; defining the term "limited service veterinary vaccination clinic"; amending s. 474.215, F.S.; revising terminology; requiring that the Board of Veterinary Medicine establish minimum standards for limited service veterinary vaccination clinics rather than limited service veterinary medical practices; amending ss. 455.2185 and 456.023, F.S.; deleting provisions that limit the practice privileges of out-of-state or foreign health care professionals or veterinarians who are in this state for a specific sporting event; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 474.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

474.202 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

practice" means a veterinary practice at which a veterinarian performs vaccinations or immunizations on multiple animals at a temporary location and operates for a limited time offering or providing veterinary services at any location that has a primary purpose other than that of providing veterinary medical service at a permanent or mobile establishment permitted by the board; provides veterinary medical services for privately owned animals that do not reside at that location; operates for a limited time; and provides limited types of veterinary medical services.

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Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 474.215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

474.215 Premises permits.-

- (7) The board by rule shall establish minimum standards for the operation of limited service veterinary <u>vaccination clinics</u> medical practices. Such rules shall not restrict limited service veterinary medical practices and shall be consistent with the type of limited veterinary <u>vaccination and immunization services</u> medical service provided.
- (a) Any person that offers or provides limited service veterinary vaccination clinics medical practice shall obtain a biennial permit from the board the cost of which shall not exceed \$250. The limited service permittee shall register each location where a limited service veterinary vaccination clinic is held and shall pay a fee set by rule not to exceed \$25 to register each such location.
- (b) All permits issued under this subsection are subject to the provisions of ss. 474.213 and 474.214.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, any temporary rabies vaccination effort operated by a county health department in response to a public health threat, as declared by the State Health Officer in consultation with the State Veterinarian, is not subject to any preregistration, time limitation, or fee requirements, but must adhere to all other requirements for limited service veterinary vaccination clinics medical practice as prescribed by rule. The fee charged to the public for a rabies vaccination administered during such temporary rabies vaccination effort may not exceed the actual cost of administering the rabies vaccine. Such rabies

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vaccination efforts may not be used for any purpose other than to address the public health consequences of the rabies outbreak. The board shall be immediately notified in writing of any temporary rabies vaccination effort operated under this paragraph.

Section 3. Section 455.2185, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

455.2185 Exemption for certain out-of-state or foreign professionals; limited practice permitted.—

- (1) A professional of any other state or of any territory or other jurisdiction of the United States or of any other nation or foreign jurisdiction is exempt from the requirements of licensure under this chapter and the applicable professional practice act under the agency with regulatory jurisdiction over the profession if that profession is regulated in this state under the agency with regulatory jurisdiction over the profession and if that person:
- (a) Holds, if so required in the jurisdiction in which that person practices, an active license to practice that profession.
- (b) Engages in the active practice of that profession outside the state.
- (c) Is employed or designated in that professional capacity by a sports entity visiting the state for a specific sporting event.
- (2) A professional's practice under this section is limited to the members, coaches, and staff of the team for which that professional is employed or designated and to any animals used if the sporting event for which that professional is employed or designated involves animals. A professional practicing under

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authority of this section shall not have practice privileges in any licensed veterinary facility without the approval of that facility.

Section 4. Section 456.023, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.023 Exemption for certain out-of-state or foreign professionals; limited practice permitted.—

- (1) A professional of any other state or of any territory or other jurisdiction of the United States or of any other nation or foreign jurisdiction is exempt from the requirements of licensure under this chapter and the applicable professional practice act under the agency with regulatory jurisdiction over the profession if that profession is regulated in this state under the agency with regulatory jurisdiction over the profession and if that person:
- (a) Holds, if so required in the jurisdiction in which that person practices, an active license to practice that profession.
- (b) Engages in the active practice of that profession outside the state.
- (c) Is employed or designated in that professional capacity by a sports entity visiting the state for a specific sporting event.
- (2) A professional's practice under this section is limited to the members, coaches, and staff of the team for which that professional is employed or designated and to any animals used if the sporting event for which that professional is employed or designated involves animals. A professional practicing under authority of this section shall not have practice privileges in any licensed health care facility or veterinary facility without

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the approval of that facility.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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