

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Regulated Industries**

**HB 1509 — Veterinarian Licensure by Endorsement**

by Rep. Johnson and others (SB 1708 by Senator Gaetz)

The bill changes the licensure by endorsement process for applicants seeking to be licensed in Florida as a veterinarian by removing the requirement that the applicant has held a valid and active license to practice veterinary medicine in another jurisdiction for the three years immediately preceding the application for licensure.

The bill also clarifies that an applicant must be in good standing in their current jurisdiction to be granted a licensure by endorsement.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

*Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0*