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Amendment No. ____

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Senator Gutman moved the following substitute for amendment (893194):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 15, between lines 16 and 17

insert:

Section 11. Section 474.207, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

474.207 Licensure by examination.--

(1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a veterinarian shall apply to the department to take a licensure examination. The board may by rule adopt use of a national examination in lieu of part or all of the examination required by this section, with a reasonable passing score to be set by rule of the board.

(2) The department shall license each applicant who the board certifies has:

(a) Completed the application form and remitted an examination fee set by the board.

(b)1. Graduated from a college of veterinary medicine

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1 accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association
 2 Council on Education; or
 3 2. Graduated from a college of veterinary medicine
 4 listed in the American Veterinary Medical Association Roster
 5 of Veterinary Colleges of the World and obtained a certificate
 6 from the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary
 7 Graduates.

8 (c) Successfully completed the examination provided by
 9 the department for this purpose, or an examination determined
 10 by the board to be equivalent.

11 (d) Demonstrated knowledge of the laws and rules
 12 governing the practice of veterinary medicine in Florida in a
 13 manner designated by rules of the board.

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 15 The department shall not issue a license to any applicant who
 16 is under investigation in any state or territory of the United
 17 States or in the District of Columbia for an act which would
 18 constitute a violation of this chapter until the investigation
 19 is complete and disciplinary proceedings have been terminated,
 20 at which time the provisions of s. 474.214 shall apply.

21 ~~(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph~~
 22 ~~(2)(b),~~ An applicant has ~~shall be deemed to have~~ met the
 23 education requirements for licensure upon submission of
 24 evidence that the applicant ~~meets one of the following:~~

25 ~~(a) The applicant was certified for examination by the~~
 26 ~~board prior to October 1, 1989; or~~

27 ~~(b) The applicant~~ immigrated to the United States
 28 after leaving her or his home country because of political
 29 reasons, if provided such country is located in the Western
 30 Hemisphere and lacks diplomatic relations with the United
 31 States, and:

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1 ~~(a)1.~~ Was a Florida resident immediately preceding her
 2 or his application for licensure; and
 3 ~~(b)1.2.~~ Demonstrates to the board, through submission
 4 of documentation verified by the applicant's respective
 5 professional association in exile, that she or he received a
 6 professional degree in veterinary medicine from a college or
 7 university located in the country from which she or he
 8 emigrated. However, the board may not require the receipt of
 9 transcripts from the Republic of Cuba as a condition of
 10 eligibility under this section; or and
 11 2.a. Demonstrates to the board that, prior to October
 12 1, 1989, he or she was graduated from a school of veterinary
 13 medicine listed in the American Veterinary Medical Association
 14 Roster of Colleges of the World;
 15 b. Was a Florida resident immediately preceding her or
 16 his application for licensure; and
 17 c. Successfully completed a course of 250 hours in
 18 veterinary science offered on October 8, 1997, by the Cuban
 19 Veterinary Medical Association in Exile, in conjunction with
 20 the Florida International Medical Association and Dade County
 21 public schools, which included a competency-based examination
 22 and the granting of licenses to persons passing the
 23 examination. The Miami Dade County School Board must submit to
 24 the board a list of applicants who have successfully completed
 25 the course.
 26 ~~3. Lawfully practiced her or his profession for at~~
 27 ~~least 3 years.~~
 28 (4) Applicants certified for examination or
 29 reexamination under subsection (3) who fail or have failed the
 30 examination three times must ~~subsequent to October 1, 1989,~~
 31 ~~shall be required to~~ demonstrate to the board that they meet

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1 the requirements of paragraph (2)(b) or paragraph (3)(c) prior
2 to any further reexamination or certification for licensure.
3 (5) An unlicensed doctor of veterinary medicine who
4 has graduated from an approved college or school of veterinary
5 medicine and has completed all parts of the examination for
6 licensure is permitted, while awaiting the results of such
7 examination for licensure or while awaiting issuance of the
8 license, to practice under the immediate supervision of a
9 licensed veterinarian. A person who fails any part of the
10 examination may not continue to practice, except in the same
11 capacity as other nonlicensed veterinary employees, until she
12 or he passes the examination and is eligible for licensure.

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15 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

16 And the title is amended as follows:

17 On page 1, line 25, after the semicolon,

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19 insert:

20 amending s. 474.207, F.S.; revising
21 requirements for certain persons to take the
22 examination for licensure as a veterinarian;
23 eliminating obsolete provisions;

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