

Bill No. CS for SB 2076

Amendment No. ____

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11 Senator Gutman moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

14 On page 15, between lines 16 and 17

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16 insert:

17 Section 11. Section 474.207, Florida Statutes, is

18 amended to read:

19 474.207 Licensure by examination.--

20 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a

21 veterinarian shall apply to the department to take a licensure

22 examination. The board may by rule adopt use of a national

23 examination in lieu of part or all of the examination required

24 by this section, with a reasonable passing score to be set by

25 rule of the board.

26 (2) The department shall license each applicant who

27 the board certifies has:

28 (a) Completed the application form and remitted an

29 examination fee set by the board.

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

31 accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association

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1 Council on Education; or

2 2. Graduated from a college of veterinary medicine
3 listed in the American Veterinary Medical Association Roster
4 of Veterinary Colleges of the World and obtained a certificate
5 from the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary
6 Graduates.

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

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

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

20 (3) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph~~

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

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

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

31 (a) ~~1.~~ Was a Florida resident immediately preceding her

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1 or his application for licensure; and

2 ~~(b)1.2.~~ Demonstrates to the board, through submission
3 of documentation verified by the applicant's respective
4 professional association in exile, that she or he received a
5 professional degree in veterinary medicine from a college or
6 university located in the country from which she or he
7 emigrated. However, the board may not require the receipt of
8 transcripts from the Republic of Cuba as a condition of
9 eligibility under this section; and

10 2. Demonstrates to the board that, prior to October 1,
11 1989, he or she was enrolled in a school of veterinary
12 medicine listed in the American Veterinary Medical Association
13 Roster of Colleges of the World; and

14 3. Successfully completed a course of 250 hours in
15 veterinary science offered on October 8, 1997, by the Cuban
16 Veterinary Medical Association in Exile, in conjunction with
17 the Florida International Medical Association and Dade County
18 public schools, which included a competency-based examination
19 and the granting of licenses to persons passing the
20 examination; or

21 (c)1. The applicant demonstrates to the board that,
22 prior to October 1, 1989, he or she was enrolled in a school
23 of veterinary medicine listed in the American Veterinary
24 Medical Association Roster of Colleges of the World;

25 2. Was a Florida resident immediately preceding her or
26 his application for licensure; and

27 3. Successfully completed a course of 250 hours in
28 veterinary science offered on October 8, 1997, by the Cuban
29 Veterinary Medical Association in Exile, in conjunction with
30 the Florida International Medical Association and Dade County
31 public schools, which included a competency-based examination

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1 and the granting of licenses to persons passing the
2 examination.

3 ~~3. Lawfully practiced her or his profession for at~~
4 ~~least 3 years.~~

5 (4) Applicants certified for examination or
6 reexamination under subsection (3) who fail or have failed the
7 examination three times must ~~subsequent to October 1, 1989,~~
8 ~~shall be required to~~ demonstrate to the board that they meet
9 the requirements of paragraph (2)(b) or paragraph (3)(c) prior
10 to any further reexamination or certification for licensure.

11 (5) An unlicensed doctor of veterinary medicine who
12 has graduated from an approved college or school of veterinary
13 medicine and has completed all parts of the examination for
14 licensure is permitted, while awaiting the results of such
15 examination for licensure or while awaiting issuance of the
16 license, to practice under the immediate supervision of a
17 licensed veterinarian. A person who fails any part of the
18 examination may not continue to practice, except in the same
19 capacity as other nonlicensed veterinary employees, until she
20 or he passes the examination and is eligible for licensure.

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24 And the title is amended as follows:

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

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27 insert:

28 amending s. 474.207, F.S.; revising
29 requirements for certain persons to take the
30 examination for licensure as a veterinarian;
31 eliminating obsolete provisions;