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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; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Present subsections (7) through (13) of section 474.202, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8) through (14), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

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474.202 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

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(7) "Limited service veterinary vaccination clinic" means a veterinary practice at which a veterinarian performs vaccinations or immunizations on multiple animals at a temporary location.

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

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474.215 Premises permits.—

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(7) The board by rule shall establish minimum standards for the operation of limited service veterinary vaccination clinics medical practices. Such rules shall not restrict limited service veterinary medical practices and shall be consistent with the type of limited veterinary vaccination medical service provided.

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(a) Any person that offers or provides limited service veterinary 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 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 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 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. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.