

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED                                         (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED                         (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION                     (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT                              (Y/N)  
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OTHER                                           

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Industries & Professional  
2 Activities Subcommittee

3 Representative Melo offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 52-61 and insert:

7 (5) To ensure competency in clinical practice, all  
8 candidates for the veterinary professional associate designation  
9 must complete a minimum of 100 hours of in-person clinical  
10 skills training, focusing on fundamental hands-on procedures,  
11 patient handling, diagnostic techniques, and treatment protocols  
12 under direct supervision. Additionally, candidates must complete  
13 a minimum of 200 hours of clinical rotations in approved  
14 veterinary settings. These rotations must provide practical  
15 experience in real-world veterinary care environments, allowing  
16 candidates to develop proficiency in case management, client

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17 communication, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Compliance  
18 with these requirements shall be verified through documented  
19 assessments conducted by licensed veterinary professionals.

20 (6) A veterinary professional associate may not do either  
21 of the following:

22 (a) Unless otherwise authorized by state or federal law,  
23 prescribe medicinal drugs or drugs as defined in s. 465.003(15)  
24 or a controlled substance listed in chapter 893.

25 (b) Perform surgical procedures that enter a body cavity,  
26 except for veterinary sterilizations. Such surgical procedures  
27 must be performed under immediate supervision, as defined in s.  
28 474.202, of a licensed veterinarian.

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31 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

32 Remove line 9 and insert:

33 a licensed veterinarian; specifying education  
34 requirements; prohibiting such associates