

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to veterinarian licensure by  
3       endorsement; amending s. 474.217, F.S.; revising  
4       requirements for licensure by endorsement as a  
5       veterinarian; providing an effective date.

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

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9       **Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 474.217, Florida**  
10   **Statutes, is amended to read:**

11       474.217   Licensure by endorsement.—

12       (1)   The department shall issue a license by endorsement to  
13   any applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting  
14   a fee set by the board, demonstrates to the board that she or  
15   he:

16       (a)   Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by rule of  
17   the board, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the  
18   practice of veterinary medicine in this state; and

19       (b)1.   ~~Holds, and has held for the 3 years immediately~~  
20   ~~preceding the application for licensure,~~ a valid, active license  
21   in good standing to practice veterinary medicine in another  
22   state of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a  
23   territory of the United States, provided that the applicant has  
24   successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other  
25   examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the

26 examination required by the board; or

27       2. Meets the qualifications of s. 474.207(2)(b) and has  
28 successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other  
29 examination which is equivalent to or more stringent than the  
30 examination given by the department and has passed the board's  
31 clinical competency examination or another clinical competency  
32 examination specified by rule of the board.

33       **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.