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

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

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

474.217 Licensure by endorsement.—

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

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

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

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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.