

Anderson, P. H., and Hansen, R., from the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy to which was referred:

H. F. No. 3718, A bill for an act relating to animals; modifying provisions relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 156.001, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 7a, 8, 10b, by adding subdivisions; 156.01, subdivisions 1, 3, by adding a subdivision; 156.02, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.03; 156.04; 156.05; 156.06; 156.07; 156.071; 156.072, subdivision 2; 156.075; 156.076; 156.077, subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions; 156.078; 156.081; 156.12, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.121; 156.16, subdivisions 5, 12, 14; 156.18, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; 156.19; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 156.015, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 156; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 156.001, subdivision 9; 156.01, subdivision 2; 156.02, subdivision 3; 156.072, subdivision 3; 156.073; 156.16, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11; 156.20.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 2, lines 2 and 3, delete the new language and insert "means any organism, except humans, that has sensation and the power of voluntary movement and that requires oxygen and organic nutrients"

Page 11, after line 30, insert:

"Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.072, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Application.** A doctor of veterinary medicine duly admitted to practice in any state, commonwealth, territory, or district of the United States or province of Canada desiring permission to practice veterinary medicine in this state shall submit an application to the board upon forms prescribed by the board. ~~Upon proof of licensure to practice in any United States or Canadian jurisdiction and having been actively engaged in practicing veterinary medicine therein, for at least three of the five years next preceding the application, or having been engaged in full-time teaching of veterinary medicine in an approved or accredited college for at least three of the five years next preceding the application, or any combination thereof, the national examination in veterinary medicine may be waived, upon~~

2.1 ~~the recommendation of the board, and the applicant be admitted to practice without~~
2.2 ~~examination. However, the board may impose any other examinations it considers proper."~~

2.3 Page 12, line 28, strike "as set by the board"

2.4 Page 12, line 29, delete "according to"

2.5 Page 12, line 30, delete "section 156.015, subdivision 3" and delete "and"

2.6 Page 13, line 3, delete the period and insert a semicolon

2.7 Page 13, lines 4 to 6, reinstate the stricken language

2.8 Page 13, line 6, strike the period and insert a semicolon

2.9 Page 13, after line 6, insert:

2.10 "(9) proof that the applicant received a passing score for the Minnesota Veterinarian

2.11 Jurisprudence Examination; and

2.12 (10) a completed criminal background check."

2.13 Page 13, delete section 42

2.14 Page 18, line 13, delete "(3)"

2.15 Page 18, strike lines 13 and 14

2.16 Page 18, line 20, strike "(4)" and insert "(3)"

2.17 Page 18, line 24, strike "(5)" and insert "(4)"

2.18 Page 18, line 27, strike "(6)" and insert "(5)"

2.19 Page 18, line 29, strike "(7) a fee as set by the board in form of check or money order
2.20 payable" and insert "(6) a nonrefundable application fee"

2.21 Page 19, line 1, strike "(8)" and insert "(7)"

2.22 Page 19, line 2, strike everything after "Agency"

2.23 Page 19, line 3, strike everything before the semicolon and insert ", unless the board has
2.24 waived this requirement because the applicant's current AAVSB licensing jurisdiction
2.25 officially reported VTNE scores to the board"

2.26 Page 19, line 4, strike "(9)" and insert "(8)"

2.27 Page 19, line 6, strike "(10)" and insert "(9)"

2.28 Page 19, lines 24 to 26, delete the new language and strike the old language

3.1 Page 19, after line 26, insert:

3.2 "(3) having an impairment that prevents a licensee from practicing veterinary medicine
3.3 or veterinary technology with reasonable skill, competence, and safety to the public;"

3.4 Page 20, line 14, strike everything after "practice" and insert "irrespective of whether
3.5 there has been demonstrable injury or any sustained injury;"

3.6 Page 21, line 25, delete "for which the"

3.7 Page 21, delete line 26 and insert "that is outdated, damaged, misbranded, or adulterated;"

3.8 Page 23, line 2, delete the second "medicine" and insert "rehabilitation"

3.9 Page 26, lines 3 and 4, reinstate the stricken language

3.10 Page 28, line 27, after "time" insert ", if applicable"

3.11 Page 30, delete lines 29 and 30 and insert:

3.12 "(b) "Veterinary feed directive" means a written statement issued by a licensed
3.13 veterinarian in the course of the veterinarian's professional practice that orders the use of a
3.14 VFD drug or combination VFD drug in or on an animal feed. A VFD authorizes a client to
3.15 obtain and use animal feed bearing or containing a VFD drug or combination VFD drug to
3.16 treat the client's animals only in accordance with the conditions for use approved,
3.17 conditionally approved, or indexed by the Food and Drug Administration."

3.18 Page 31, delete lines 1 to 5

3.19 Page 31, line 14, delete "Medical Drug Use Clarification Act of 1994" and insert "Drug
3.20 Availability Act of 1996"

3.21 Renumber the sections in sequence

3.22 Correct the title numbers accordingly

3.23 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General
3.24 Register.

3.25 This Committee action taken March 11, 2026

3.26, Co-Chair

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