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55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE; REQUIRING ISSUANCE OF SIX-MONTH, TEMPORARY PERMITS TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE TO CERTAIN NONRESIDENT VETERINARIANS EMPLOYED BY OR CONTRACTED WITH THE STATE, A MUNICIPALITY OR A COUNTY TO PROVIDE VETERINARY SERVICES AT NATIONALLY ACCREDITED ZOOS OR AQUARIUMS LOCATED IN NEW MEXICO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-14-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 62, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-14-10. LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT.--

A. Pursuant to its regulations, the board may issue a license without written examination, except an examination on state laws and other state and federal regulations related to the practice of veterinary medicine, to ~~any~~ a qualified

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1 applicant who furnishes satisfactory evidence that [~~he~~] the
2 applicant is a veterinarian and has, for the five years next
3 prior to filing [~~his~~] the application, been a practicing
4 veterinarian and licensed in a state, territory or district of
5 the United States having license requirements at the time the
6 applicant was first licensed that were substantially equivalent
7 to the requirements of the Veterinary Practice Act.

8 B. Pursuant to its regulations, the board may
9 issue, with examination, a limited practice license in
10 veterinary medicine, which limited practice license shall
11 describe adequately that area of veterinary medicine that the
12 licensee is entitled to practice.

13 C. At its discretion, the board may examine, orally
14 or practically, any person qualifying for a license under this
15 section.

16 D. The board may issue without examination a
17 temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine to:

18 (1) a qualified applicant for a license
19 pending examination, provided the applicant is a graduate
20 veterinarian and employed by and working under the direct
21 supervision of a licensed veterinarian; provided that:

22 (a) the temporary permit shall expire
23 the day after the notice of results of the first examination
24 given after the permit is issued;

25 (b) a qualified applicant for a license

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1 pending examination may, at the board's discretion, be exempted
2 from the requirement of working under the direct supervision of
3 a licensed veterinarian, provided the applicant submits a
4 written request for such exemption; and

5 (c) no additional temporary permit shall
6 be issued to an applicant who has failed the required
7 components of the New Mexico examination in this or any other
8 state or any other territory, district or commonwealth of the
9 United States; or

10 (2) a nonresident veterinarian validly
11 licensed and in good standing with the licensing authority in
12 another state, territory, district or commonwealth of the
13 United States; provided that:

14 (a) except as otherwise provided in
15 Subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, the temporary permit shall
16 be issued for a period lasting no more than sixty days [~~and~~
17 ~~that~~], not more than one permit shall be issued to [~~such a~~
18 ~~person~~] the nonresident veterinarian during [~~each~~] a calendar
19 year and no more than two sixty-day, temporary permits shall be
20 issued to the nonresident veterinarian; and

21 (b) if a nonresident veterinarian is
22 employed by or has a contract with the state, a municipality or
23 a county to provide veterinary services at a nationally
24 accredited zoo or aquarium located in New Mexico, the temporary
25 permit shall be issued for a period lasting no more than six

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1 months and no more than two consecutive six-month, temporary
2 permits shall be issued to any one individual.

3 E. A temporary permit to practice veterinary
4 medicine may be summarily revoked by a majority vote of the
5 board without a hearing."