

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

12 "61-14-10. LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT.--

13 A. Pursuant to its regulations, the board may
14 issue a license without written examination, except an
15 examination on state laws and other state and federal
16 regulations related to the practice of veterinary medicine,
17 to a qualified applicant who furnishes satisfactory evidence
18 that the applicant is a veterinarian and has, for the five
19 years next prior to filing the application, been a practicing
20 veterinarian and licensed in a state, territory or district
21 of the United States having license requirements at the time
22 the applicant was first licensed that were substantially
23 equivalent to the requirements of the Veterinary Practice
24 Act.

25 B. Pursuant to its regulations, the board may

1 issue, with examination, a limited practice license in
2 veterinary medicine, which limited practice license shall
3 describe adequately that area of veterinary medicine that the
4 licensee is entitled to practice.

5 C. At its discretion, the board may examine,
6 orally or practically, any person qualifying for a license
7 under this section.

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

10 (1) a qualified applicant for a license
11 pending examination, provided the applicant is a graduate
12 veterinarian and employed by and working under the direct
13 supervision of a licensed veterinarian; provided that:

14 (a) the temporary permit shall expire
15 the day after the notice of results of the first examination
16 given after the permit is issued;

17 (b) a qualified applicant for a license
18 pending examination may, at the board's discretion, be
19 exempted from the requirement of working under the direct
20 supervision of a licensed veterinarian, provided the
21 applicant submits a written request for such exemption; and

22 (c) no additional temporary permit
23 shall be issued to an applicant who has failed the required
24 components of the New Mexico examination in this or any other
25 state or any other territory, district or commonwealth of the

1 United States; or

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

6 (a) except as otherwise provided in
7 Subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, the temporary permit
8 shall be issued for a period lasting no more than sixty days,
9 not more than one permit shall be issued to the nonresident
10 veterinarian during a calendar year and no more than two
11 sixty-day, temporary permits shall be issued to the
12 nonresident veterinarian; and

13 (b) if a nonresident veterinarian is
14 employed by or has a contract with the state, a municipality
15 or a county to provide veterinary services at a nationally
16 accredited zoo or aquarium located in New Mexico, the
17 temporary permit shall be issued for a period lasting no more
18 than six months and no more than two consecutive six-month,
19 temporary permits shall be issued to any one individual.

20 E. A temporary permit to practice veterinary
21 medicine may be summarily revoked by a majority vote of the
22 board without a hearing."

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