



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3050

Introduced 2/7/2014, by Sen. Michael W. Frerichs

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 115/4.5 new

Amends the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. Provides that a veterinarian licensed or veterinary technician certified in another state may practice in Illinois in connection with an investigation by law enforcement of an alleged violation of federal or State animal fighting or animal cruelty laws if the law enforcement authority determines that the veterinarian or veterinary technician possesses particular skills, training, or experience not otherwise available within this State and if the law enforcement authority extends an official invitation to the veterinarian or veterinary technician. Further provides that a nonprofit organization qualified under Section 501 (c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for the purpose of preventing cruelty to animals may, in connection with an investigation by law enforcement of an alleged violation of federal or State animal fighting or animal cruelty laws, establish a temporary facility to receive animals affected by the investigation if the law enforcement authority determines that such a facility is necessary, the law enforcement authority extends an official invitation, and the facility meets certain standards under State law. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act
5 of 2004 is amended by adding Section 4.5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 115/4.5 new)

7 Sec. 4.5. Licensure exemption for law enforcement
8 investigations; temporary animal shelters.

9 (a) A veterinarian licensed or a veterinary technician
10 certified in another state may practice in this State in
11 connection with an investigation by law enforcement of an
12 alleged violation of federal or State animal fighting or animal
13 cruelty laws, including the Humane Care for Animals Act, within
14 the scope and location of the investigation, without completing
15 a written examination or meeting the other qualifications of
16 this Act, if:

17 (1) the law enforcement authority with jurisdiction
18 over the investigation determines that the veterinarian or
19 veterinary technician possesses particular skills,
20 training, or experience relevant to the investigation of
21 the alleged incidents of animal fighting or animal cruelty
22 that are not otherwise available within this State; and

23 (2) the law enforcement authority with jurisdiction

1 over the investigation extends an official invitation to
2 the veterinarian or veterinary technician that is valid for
3 a specified period of time.

4 (b) A nonprofit organization qualified under Section 501
5 (c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for
6 the purpose of preventing cruelty to animals may, in connection
7 with an investigation by law enforcement of an alleged
8 violation of federal or State animal fighting or animal cruelty
9 laws, including the Humane Care for Animals Act, establish a
10 temporary facility to receive animals affected by the
11 investigation to provide medical care, animal shelter, food,
12 and water if:

13 (1) the law enforcement authority with jurisdiction
14 over the investigation determines that such a facility is
15 necessary;

16 (2) the law enforcement authority with jurisdiction
17 over the investigation extends an official invitation to
18 the organization that is valid for a specified period of
19 time; and

20 (3) the facility established for such purposes meets
21 the requirements for animal shelters established by the
22 Animal Welfare Act.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law.