



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 115/3

from Ch. 111, par. 7003

225 ILCS 115/29 new

Amends the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. Provides that "certified veterinary technician" or "veterinary technician" means a person who is a graduate of a veterinary technology program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities and who has successfully passed the Veterinary Technician National Examination (rather than a person who is validly and currently licensed to practice veterinary technology in the State). Provides that every holder of a license shall display the license or a copy of the license in a conspicuous place in the holder's principal office or any other location where the holder renders services as a veterinarian or a certified veterinary technician. Requires every displayed license to have the license number visible.

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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  
5 Act of 2004 is amended by changing Section 3 and by adding  
6 Section 29 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 115/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 7003)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2029)

9 Sec. 3. Definitions. The following terms have the meanings  
10 indicated, unless the context requires otherwise:

11 "Accredited college of veterinary medicine" means a  
12 veterinary college, school, or division of a university or  
13 college that offers the degree of Doctor of Veterinary  
14 Medicine or its equivalent and that is accredited by the  
15 Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical  
16 Association (AVMA).

17 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded  
18 by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's application  
19 file or license file as maintained by the Department's  
20 licensure maintenance unit.

21 "Accredited program in veterinary technology" means any  
22 post-secondary educational program that is accredited by the  
23 AVMA's Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and

1 Activities or any veterinary technician program that is  
2 recognized as its equivalent by the AVMA's Committee on  
3 Veterinary Technician Education and Activities.

4 "Animal" means any animal, vertebrate or invertebrate,  
5 other than a human.

6 "Board" means the Veterinary Licensing and Disciplinary  
7 Board.

8 "Certified veterinary technician" or "veterinary  
9 technician" means a person who is a graduate of a veterinary  
10 technology program accredited by the AVMA's Committee on  
11 Veterinary Technician Education and Activities and who has  
12 successfully passed the Veterinary Technician National  
13 Examination ~~validly and currently licensed to practice~~  
14 ~~veterinary technology in this State.~~

15 "Client" means an entity, person, group, or corporation  
16 that has entered into an agreement with a veterinarian for the  
17 purposes of obtaining veterinary medical services.

18 "Complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies"  
19 means a heterogeneous group of diagnostic and therapeutic  
20 philosophies and practices, which at the time they are  
21 performed may differ from current scientific knowledge, or  
22 whose theoretical basis and techniques may diverge from  
23 veterinary medicine routinely taught in accredited veterinary  
24 medical colleges, or both. "Complementary, alternative, and  
25 integrative therapies" includes ~~include~~, but is ~~are~~ not  
26 limited to, veterinary acupuncture, acutherapy, and

1 acupressure; veterinary homeopathy; veterinary manual or  
2 manipulative therapy or therapy based on techniques practiced  
3 in osteopathy, chiropractic medicine, or physical medicine and  
4 therapy; veterinary nutraceutical therapy; veterinary  
5 phytotherapy; and other therapies as defined by rule.

6 "Consultation" means when a veterinarian receives advice  
7 in person, telephonically, electronically, or by any other  
8 method of communication from a veterinarian licensed in this  
9 or any other state or other person whose expertise, in the  
10 opinion of the veterinarian, would benefit a patient. Under  
11 any circumstance, the responsibility for the welfare of the  
12 patient remains with the veterinarian receiving consultation.

13 "Department" means the Department of Financial and  
14 Professional Regulation.

15 "Direct supervision" means the supervising veterinarian is  
16 readily available on the premises where the animal is being  
17 treated.

18 "Email address of record" means the designated email  
19 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's  
20 application file or the licensee's license file, as maintained  
21 by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

22 "Immediate supervision" means the supervising veterinarian  
23 is in the immediate area, within audible and visual range of  
24 the patient and the person treating the patient.

25 "Impaired veterinarian" means a veterinarian who is unable  
26 to practice veterinary medicine with reasonable skill and

1 safety because of a physical or mental disability as evidenced  
2 by a written determination or written consent based on  
3 clinical evidence, including deterioration through the aging  
4 process, loss of motor skills, or abuse of drugs or alcohol of  
5 sufficient degree to diminish a person's ability to deliver  
6 competent patient care.

7 "Indirect supervision" means the supervising veterinarian  
8 need not be on the premises, but has given either written or  
9 oral instructions for the treatment of the animal and is  
10 available by telephone or other form of communication.

11 "Licensed veterinarian" means a person who is validly and  
12 currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this  
13 State.

14 "Patient" means an animal or group of animals that is  
15 examined or treated by a veterinarian.

16 "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership (general,  
17 limited, or limited liability), association, joint venture,  
18 cooperative, corporation, limited liability company, or any  
19 other group or combination acting in concert, whether or not  
20 acting as a principal, partner, member, trustee, fiduciary,  
21 receiver, or any other kind of legal or personal  
22 representative, or as the successor in interest, assignee,  
23 agent, factor, servant, employee, director, officer, or any  
24 other representative of such person.

25 "Practice of veterinary medicine" means to diagnose,  
26 prognose, treat, correct, change, alleviate, or prevent animal

1 disease, illness, pain, deformity, defect, injury, or other  
2 physical, dental, or mental conditions by any method or mode,  
3 such as telemedicine, including the performance of one or more  
4 of the following:

5 (1) Prescribing, dispensing, administering, applying,  
6 or ordering the administration of any drug, medicine,  
7 biologic, apparatus, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or  
8 diagnostic substance, or medical or surgical technique.

9 (2) (Blank).

10 (3) Performing upon an animal a surgical or dental  
11 operation.

12 (3.5) Performing upon an animal complementary,  
13 alternative, or integrative therapy.

14 (4) Performing upon an animal any manual or mechanical  
15 procedure for reproductive management, including the  
16 diagnosis or treatment of pregnancy, sterility, or  
17 infertility.

18 (4.5) The rendering of advice or recommendation by any  
19 means, including telephonic and other electronic  
20 communications, with regard to the performing upon an  
21 animal any manual or mechanical procedure for reproductive  
22 management, including the diagnosis or treatment of  
23 pregnancy, sterility, or infertility.

24 (5) Determining the health and fitness of an animal.

25 (6) Representing oneself, directly or indirectly, as  
26 engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine.

1           (7) Using any word, letters, or title under such  
2           circumstances as to induce the belief that the person  
3           using them is qualified to engage in the practice of  
4           veterinary medicine or any of its branches. Such use shall  
5           be prima facie evidence of the intention to represent  
6           oneself as engaging in the practice of veterinary  
7           medicine.

8           "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and  
9           Professional Regulation.

10          "Supervising veterinarian" means a veterinarian who  
11          assumes responsibility for the professional care given to an  
12          animal by a person working under his or her direction in either  
13          an immediate, direct, or indirect supervision arrangement. The  
14          supervising veterinarian must have examined the animal at such  
15          time as acceptable veterinary medical practices require  
16          ~~requires~~, consistent with the particular delegated animal  
17          health care task.

18          "Therapeutic" means the treatment, control, and prevention  
19          of disease.

20          "Veterinarian" means a person who is validly and currently  
21          licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this State.

22          "Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means that all  
23          of the following conditions have been met:

24                 (1) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility  
25                 for making clinical judgments regarding the health of an  
26                 animal and the need for medical treatment and the client,

1 owner, or other caretaker has agreed to follow the  
2 instructions of the veterinarian;

3 (2) There is sufficient knowledge of an animal by the  
4 veterinarian to initiate at least a general or preliminary  
5 diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal. This  
6 means that the veterinarian has recently seen and is  
7 personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the  
8 animal by virtue of an in-person examination of the animal  
9 or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the  
10 premises where the animal is kept, or the veterinarian has  
11 access to the patient's records and has been designated by  
12 the veterinarian with the prior relationship to provide  
13 reasonable and appropriate medical care if the  
14 veterinarian with the prior relationship is unavailable;  
15 and

16 (3) The practicing veterinarian is readily available  
17 for follow-up in case of adverse reactions or failure of  
18 the treatment regimen or, if unavailable, has designated  
19 another available veterinarian who has access to the  
20 patient's records to provide reasonable and appropriate  
21 medical care.

22 "Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" does not mean a  
23 relationship solely based on telephonic or other electronic  
24 communications.

25 "Veterinary medicine" means all branches and specialties  
26 included within the practice of veterinary medicine.

1 "Veterinary premises" means any premises or facility where  
2 the practice of veterinary medicine occurs, including, but not  
3 limited to, a mobile clinic, outpatient clinic, satellite  
4 clinic, or veterinary hospital or clinic. "Veterinary  
5 premises" does not mean the premises of a veterinary client,  
6 research facility, a federal military base, or an accredited  
7 college of veterinary medicine.

8 "Veterinary prescription drugs" means those drugs  
9 restricted to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian  
10 in accordance with Section 503(f) of the Federal Food, Drug,  
11 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353).

12 "Veterinary specialist" means a veterinarian: (1) who has  
13 been awarded and maintains certification from a veterinary  
14 specialty organization recognized by the American Board of  
15 Veterinary Specialties; (2) who has been awarded and maintains  
16 certification from a veterinary certifying organization whose  
17 standards have been found by the Board to be equivalent to or  
18 more stringent than those of American Board of Veterinary  
19 Specialties-recognized veterinary specialty organizations; or  
20 (3) who otherwise meets criteria that may be established by  
21 the Board to support a claim to be a veterinary specialist.

22 "Veterinary technology" means the performance of services  
23 within the field of veterinary medicine by a person who, for  
24 compensation or personal profit, is employed by a licensed  
25 veterinarian to perform duties that require an understanding  
26 of veterinary medicine necessary to carry out the orders of

1 the veterinarian pursuant to 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1500.48. Those  
2 services, however, shall not include diagnosing, prognosing,  
3 prescribing, or surgery.

4 (Source: P.A. 103-309, eff. 1-1-24; 103-505, eff. 1-1-24;  
5 revised 8-6-24.)

6 (225 ILCS 115/29 new)

7 Sec. 29. Display of license. Every holder of a license  
8 shall display the license or a copy of the license in a  
9 conspicuous place in the holder's principal office or any  
10 other location where the holder renders services as a  
11 veterinarian or a certified veterinary technician. Every  
12 displayed license shall have the license number visible.