

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: SB331

Patron: Roem

Bill Title: Board of Veterinary Medicine; temporary licenses for certain applicants.

Bill Summary: Provides that the Board of Veterinary Medicine may issue a temporary license to an applicant who has accepted an offer of employment from a veterinarian approved by the Board provided such applicant (i) has received passing scores on the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination; (ii) has completed, at a minimum, all requirements to receive certification from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates of the American Veterinary Medical Association except for the clinical proficiency examination; and (iii) is legally eligible for employment in the United States. The bill provides that such temporary license holders may practice only under the direct supervision of an approved veterinarian and may not receive a controlled substances registration certificate. The bill also requires the Board to maintain records relating to such temporary licenses and authorizes the Board to promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: Minimal/absorbable fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This legislation permits the Board of Veterinary Medicine (the Board) to issue a temporary license to certain applicants who meet the conditions for temporary licensure as outlined in the bill. The bill permits temporary license holders who do not pass an initial clinical proficiency examination to renew their license one time provided that the temporary license holder intends to retake such clinical proficiency examination. The Board is further required to maintain a record of all temporary license holders and promulgate regulations addressing the provisions of the bill.

It is currently unknown how many individuals may apply for the temporary license created by this bill. However, given that the Board is permitted to charge a fee for the new license type, it is expected that any cost impacts associated with establishing a new temporary license type and processing associated applications can be sustained by the nongeneral fund revenue that may be generated through the license fee. It is further expected that any other cost or workload impacts associated with the provisions of the bill, including any costs to process license renewals and maintain records of temporary licensees, will be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

Other: n/a