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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1023**

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to veterinarians; to amend sections 71-1,158,  
2 71-1,160, and 71-1,161, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
3 Nebraska; to provide for licensure of graduates of  
4 foreign institutions; to harmonize provisions; and to  
5 repeal the original sections.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 71-1,158, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           71-1,158. Any person desiring a license to practice  
4 veterinary medicine and surgery in this state shall make written  
5 application to the board. The application shall include:

6           (1) Proof ~~show~~ that the applicant is twenty-one years of  
7 age or more;

8           (2) Information indicating that the applicant is ~~a~~  
9 graduate of an accredited veterinary school, and a person of good  
10 moral character;

11           (3) Proof that the applicant is a graduate of an  
12 accredited school of veterinary medicine or holds a certificate  
13 issued by the American Veterinary Medical Association Education  
14 Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates indicating that the  
15 holder has demonstrated knowledge and skill equivalent to that  
16 possessed by a graduate of an accredited college of veterinary  
17 medicine; and

18           (4) Such ~~and such~~ other information and proof as the  
19 board may require by rule and regulation. The application shall be  
20 accompanied by a fee of not less than seventy-five dollars nor more  
21 than two hundred dollars, the amount of such fee to be determined  
22 by a rule or regulation adopted and promulgated by the department  
23 with the approval of the board.

24           If the board determines that the applicant possesses the  
25 proper qualifications, the board shall admit the applicant to the  
26 next examination, or if the applicant is eligible for a license  
27 without examination under section 71-1,160, the board may forthwith  
28 recommend that he or she be issued a license. If an applicant is

1 found not qualified to take the examination or for a license  
2 without examination, the board shall immediately notify the  
3 applicant in writing of such finding and the grounds therefor.

4 Sec. 2. Section 71-1,160, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
5 Nebraska, is amended to read:

6 71-1,160. The board may direct the issuing of a license  
7 without a written examination to a qualified applicant who  
8 furnishes satisfactory proof required under subdivision (3) of  
9 section 71-1,158 that he or she is a graduate of an accredited  
10 veterinary school and who:

11 (1) Has for one year prior to filing his or her  
12 application been a practicing veterinarian licensed in a state,  
13 territory, or district of the United States having license  
14 requirements, at the time the applicant was first licensed, which  
15 were substantially equivalent to the requirements of the Nebraska  
16 Veterinary Practice Act; or

17 (2) Has prior to filing his or her application  
18 successfully completed and passed the examination conducted by the  
19 National Board of Veterinary Examiners.

20 At its discretion, the board may orally or practically  
21 examine any person qualifying for licensing under this section.

22 Sec. 3. Section 71-1,161, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
23 Nebraska, is amended to read:

24 71-1,161. The board may recommend to the department the  
25 issuance of a temporary license to practice veterinary medicine and  
26 surgery upon receipt of a fee of fifty dollars and the completed  
27 application to (1) any person who has a current license to practice  
28 veterinary medicine and surgery in another state, territory, or

1 district of the United States or (2) any person who ~~has graduated~~  
2 ~~from an approved veterinary school~~ furnishes satisfactory proof  
3 required under subdivision (3) of section 71-1,158 and has passed  
4 an examination conducted by the National Board of Veterinary  
5 Examiners. Such temporary license shall be valid until the date on  
6 which the results of the next licensure examination are available  
7 to the department and it may not be renewed. The holder of a  
8 temporary license shall be entitled to practice veterinary medicine  
9 and surgery.

10           Sec. 4.    Original sections 71-1,158, 71-1,160, and  
11 71-1,161, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.