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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to veterinary medical practice;  
3           amending s. 474.203, F.S.; requiring individuals  
4           otherwise exempt from the requirements of chapter 474,  
5           F.S., relating to veterinary medical practice, to  
6           comply with the veterinary medical patient record  
7           requirements; providing an effective date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11           Section 1. Section 474.203, Florida Statutes, is amended  
12   to read:

13           474.203 Exemptions.—This chapter, except s. 474.2165, does  
14   not apply to:

15           (1) Any faculty member practicing only in conjunction with  
16   teaching duties at a school or college of veterinary medicine  
17   located in this state and accredited by the American Veterinary  
18   Medical Association Council on Education. However, this  
19   exemption applies only to such a faculty member who does not  
20   hold a valid license issued under this chapter but who is a  
21   graduate of a school or college of veterinary medicine  
22   accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association  
23   Council on Education or a school or college recognized by the  
24   American Veterinary Medical Association Educational Commission  
25   for Foreign Veterinary Graduates. The faculty member exemption  
26   automatically expires when such school or college terminates the

27 faculty member from such teaching duties. On December 31 of each  
28 year, such school or college shall provide the board with a  
29 written list of all faculty who are exempt from this chapter.  
30 Such school or college shall also notify the board in writing of  
31 any additions or deletions to such list.

32 (2) A person practicing as an intern or resident  
33 veterinarian who does not hold a valid license issued under this  
34 chapter and who is a graduate in training at a school or college  
35 of veterinary medicine located in this state and accredited by  
36 the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education  
37 or a school or college recognized by the American Veterinary  
38 Medical Association Educational Commission for Foreign  
39 Veterinary Graduates. Such intern or resident must be a graduate  
40 of a school or college of veterinary medicine accredited by the  
41 American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education or  
42 a school or college of veterinary medicine recognized by the  
43 American Veterinary Medical Association Educational Commission  
44 for Foreign Veterinary Graduates ~~of the American Veterinary~~  
45 ~~Medical Association~~. This exemption expires when such intern or  
46 resident completes or is terminated from such training. Each  
47 school or college at which such intern or resident is in  
48 training shall, on July 1 of each year, provide the board with a  
49 written list of all such interns or residents designated for  
50 this exemption, and the school or college shall also notify the  
51 board of any additions or deletions to the list.

52 (3) A student in a school or college of veterinary

53 | medicine while in the performance of duties assigned by her or  
54 | his instructor or when working as a preceptor under the  
55 | immediate supervision of a licensee, if such preceptorship is  
56 | required for graduation from an accredited school or college of  
57 | veterinary medicine. The licensed veterinarian is responsible  
58 | for all acts performed by a preceptor under her or his  
59 | supervision.

60 |       (4) Any doctor of veterinary medicine in the employ of a  
61 | state agency or the United States Government while actually  
62 | engaged in the performance of her or his official duties;  
63 | however, this exemption does not apply to such person when the  
64 | person is not engaged in carrying out her or his official duties  
65 | or is not working at the installations for which her or his  
66 | services were engaged.

67 |       (5) (a) Any person, or the person's regular employee,  
68 | administering to the ills or injuries of her or his own animals,  
69 | including, but not limited to, castration, spaying, and  
70 | dehorning of herd animals, unless title is transferred or  
71 | employment provided for the purpose of circumventing this law.  
72 | This exemption does not apply to any person licensed as a  
73 | veterinarian in another state or foreign jurisdiction and  
74 | practicing temporarily in this state. However, only a  
75 | veterinarian may immunize or treat an animal for diseases that  
76 | are communicable to humans and that are of public health  
77 | significance.

78 |       (b) A person hired on a part-time or temporary basis, or

79 as an independent contractor, by an owner to assist with herd  
80 management and animal husbandry tasks for herd and flock  
81 animals, including castration, dehorning, parasite control, and  
82 debeaking, or a person hired on a part-time or temporary basis,  
83 or as an independent contractor, by an owner to provide farriery  
84 and manual hand floating of teeth on equines. This exemption  
85 does not apply to any person who has been convicted of a  
86 violation of chapter 828 that relates to animal cruelty or a  
87 similar offense in another jurisdiction.

88 (6) State agencies, accredited schools, institutions,  
89 foundations, business corporations or associations, physicians  
90 licensed to practice medicine and surgery in all its branches,  
91 graduate doctors of veterinary medicine, or persons under the  
92 direct supervision thereof, which or who conduct experiments and  
93 scientific research on animals in the development of  
94 pharmaceuticals, biologicals, serums, or methods of treatment,  
95 or techniques for the diagnosis or treatment of human ailments,  
96 or when engaged in the study and development of methods and  
97 techniques directly or indirectly applicable to the problems of  
98 the practice of veterinary medicine.

99 (7) Any veterinary aide, nurse, laboratory technician,  
100 preceptor, or other employee of a licensed veterinarian who  
101 administers medication or who renders auxiliary or supporting  
102 assistance under the responsible supervision of a licensed  
103 veterinarian, including those tasks identified by rule of the  
104 board requiring immediate supervision. However, the licensed

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105 veterinarian is responsible for all such acts performed under  
106 this subsection by persons under her or his supervision.

107 (8) A veterinarian, licensed by and actively practicing  
108 veterinary medicine in another state, who is board certified in  
109 a specialty recognized by the board and who responds to a  
110 request of a veterinarian licensed in this state to assist with  
111 the treatment on a specific case of a specific animal or with  
112 the treatment on a specific case of the animals of a single  
113 owner, as long as the veterinarian licensed in this state  
114 requests the other veterinarian's presence. A veterinarian who  
115 practices under this subsection is not eligible to apply for a  
116 premises permit under s. 474.215.

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118 For the purposes of chapters 465 and 893, persons exempt  
119 pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (2), or subsection (4)  
120 are deemed to be duly licensed practitioners authorized by the  
121 laws of this state to prescribe drugs or medicinal supplies.

122 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.