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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1148

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 15-17-4-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. The state veterinarian:

- (1) serves as ~~secretary~~ **the chief administrative officer** of the board **and performs the duties delegated by the board to the state veterinarian;**
- (2) provides technical advice and assistance ~~to, and serves as the chief administrative officer to of,~~ the **Indiana** board of veterinary ~~medical examiners;~~ **medicine under IC 25-38.1;** and
- (3) performs the duties delegated by the **Indiana** board of **veterinary medicine** to the state veterinarian.

SECTION 2. IC 15-17.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW ARTICLE** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]:

ARTICLE 17.5. CENTER FOR ANIMAL POLICY

Chapter 1. Definitions

Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.

Sec. 2. "Board" refers to the Indiana board of veterinary medicine established by IC 25-38.1-2-1.

Sec. 3. "Center" refers to the Indiana center for animal policy

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established by IC 15-17.5-2-1.

Sec. 4. "State board" refers to the Indiana state board of animal health established by IC 15-17-3-1.

Sec. 5. "State veterinarian" refers to the state veterinarian appointed under IC 15-17-4-1.

Chapter 2. Indiana Center for Animal Policy

Sec. 1. The Indiana center for animal policy is established.

Sec. 2. The center is comprised of the following entities:

- (1) The state board established by IC 15-17-3-1.**
- (2) The board established by IC 25-38.1-2-1.**

Sec. 3. The state veterinarian is the chief administrative officer of the center.

Sec. 4. The center shall protect human and animal health and ensure efficient delivery of animal health services and products of animal origin in Indiana by doing the following:

- (1) Develop animal policy to address Indiana's need for a healthy animal population, a safe food supply, and the provision of a diverse range of veterinary medical services.**
- (2) Facilitate collaboration between the board and the state board on programs that advance animal health, animal welfare, food safety, and emergency preparedness.**
- (3) Streamline and provide for joint investigations, enforcement, and other administrative functions of the board and the state board.**
- (4) Enhance the ability of veterinarians and other employees of the state board appointed under IC 15-17-4-8 to support the regulatory mission of the board and the state board.**
- (5) Engage in joint outreach and education activities that increase opportunities to interface with and support the needs of veterinary practitioners, animal owners, and other stakeholders.**
- (6) Safeguard against any incompetent, dishonest, or unprincipled practice of veterinary medicine in Indiana.**

Chapter 3. Administration and Personnel

Sec. 1. (a) The center shall facilitate the coordination of regulatory duties of the state board and the board upon the approval of each respective entity, as set forth in a memoranda of understanding or other agreement.

(b) Nothing in this article shall be construed to amend the independent duties, authorities, and funding mechanisms of the board and the state board.

Sec. 2. (a) The state veterinarian, acting as the chief



administrative officer of the center, is authorized to direct activities of employees of the board and state board:

- (1) within the statutory authority of each entity; and**
- (2) in furtherance of the purposes set forth in IC 15-17.5-2.**

(b) Employees of the board and state board are authorized to perform activities to carry out the purposes of either entity. Any joint use of personnel shall occur under:

- (1) the applicable administrative standards for the allocation of costs between the board and the state board; and**
- (2) the approval of the entity for which the activities are being performed.**

(c) The state veterinarian may contract for additional technology, research, or human resources on behalf of the board and the state board:

- (1) under IC 5-22 or other applicable administrative standards; and**
- (2) with the approval of the regulatory entity or entities that are contributing state funds or other resources.**

SECTION 3. IC 23-1.5-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.57-2013, SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 9. "Licensing authority" means the following:

- (1) In the case of an accounting professional, the Indiana state board of public accountancy.
- (2) In the case of an architectural professional, the board of registration for architects and landscape architects.
- (3) In the case of an engineering professional, the state board of registration for professional engineers.
- (4) In the case of an attorney, the Indiana supreme court.
- (5) In the case of a health care professional, the board (as defined in IC 25-1-9-1) that issues the individual's license, certification, or registration.
- (6) In the case of a veterinarian, the Indiana board of veterinary ~~medical examiners~~ **medicine**.
- (7) In the case of a professional surveyor, the state board of registration for professional surveyors.
- (8) In the case of a real estate professional, the Indiana real estate commission.

SECTION 4. IC 24-5-0.5-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 12. (a) It is an incurable deceptive act for an individual, while soliciting or performing a consumer transaction, to claim, either orally or in writing, to possess a doctorate degree or use a title, a word, letters, an insignia, or an



abbreviation associated with a doctorate degree, unless the individual:

(1) has been awarded a doctorate degree from an institution that is:

(A) accredited by a regional or professional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation;

(B) a religious seminary, institute, college, or university whose certificates, diplomas, or degrees clearly identify the religious character of the educational program; or

(C) operated and supported by a governmental agency; or

(2) meets the requirements approved by one (1) of the following boards:

(A) Medical licensing board of Indiana.

(B) State board of dental examiners.

(C) Indiana optometry board.

(D) Board of podiatric medicine.

(E) State psychology board.

(F) Board of chiropractic examiners.

(G) Indiana board of veterinary ~~medical examiners~~: **medicine**.

(H) Indiana board of pharmacy.

(I) Indiana state board of nursing.

(b) It is an incurable deceptive act for an individual, while soliciting or performing a consumer transaction, to claim to be a:

(1) physician unless the individual holds an unlimited license to practice medicine under IC 25-22.5;

(2) chiropractic physician unless the individual holds a license as a chiropractor under IC 25-10-1; or

(3) podiatric physician unless the individual holds a license as a podiatrist under IC 25-29.

(c) The attorney general shall enforce this section in the same manner as any other incurable deceptive act under this chapter.

SECTION 5. IC 25-0.5-3-27, AS ADDED BY P.L.3-2014, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 27. IC 25-1-2-6(b) applies to the Indiana board of veterinary ~~medical examiners~~: **medicine**.

SECTION 6. IC 25-0.5-4-33, AS ADDED BY P.L.3-2014, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 33. The Indiana board of veterinary ~~medical examiners~~ **medicine** (IC 25-38.1-2) is a board under IC 25-1-4.

SECTION 7. IC 25-0.5-5-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]. ~~Sec. 12: The Indiana professional licensing agency shall perform administrative functions, duties, and responsibilities for the~~



~~Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners (IC 25-38.1-2) under IC 25-1-5-3(a).~~

SECTION 8. IC 25-0.5-6-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.3-2014, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 12. An individual licensed, certified, registered, or permitted by the Indiana board of veterinary ~~medical examiners~~ **medicine** (IC 25-38.1-2) is a provider under IC 25-1-5-10.

SECTION 9. IC 25-0.5-8-20, AS ADDED BY P.L.3-2014, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 20. An occupation for which a person is licensed, certified, or registered by the Indiana board of veterinary ~~medical examiners~~ **medicine** (IC 25-38.1) is a regulated occupation under IC 25-1-7.

SECTION 10. IC 25-0.5-9-20, AS ADDED BY P.L.3-2014, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 20. The Indiana board of veterinary ~~medical examiners~~ **medicine** (IC 25-38.1-2-1) is a board under IC 25-1-8.

SECTION 11. IC 25-0.5-10-33, AS ADDED BY P.L.3-2014, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 33. The Indiana board of veterinary ~~medical examiners~~ **medicine** (IC 25-38.1) is a board under IC 25-1-8-6.

SECTION 12. IC 25-0.5-11-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.3-2014, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 12. The Indiana board of veterinary ~~medical examiners~~ **medicine** (IC 25-38.1-2) is a board under IC 25-1-9.

SECTION 13. IC 25-1-5-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 10.5. The Indiana board of veterinary medicine shall provide the agency with the information necessary to create and maintain a provider profile under section 10 of this chapter for each provider (as defined by section 10(a) of this chapter) regulated under IC 25-38.1.**

SECTION 14. IC 25-1-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2021, SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), ~~and~~ (c), ~~and~~ (d), the division is responsible for the investigation of complaints concerning licensees.

(b) The medical licensing board of Indiana shall investigate a complaint concerning a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 and a violation specified in IC 25-22.5-2-8. The division shall forward a complaint concerning a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 and a violation specified in IC 25-22.5-2-8 to the medical licensing board of



Indiana for investigation by the board. However, if the complaint includes a violation in addition to a violation specified in IC 25-22.5-2-8, the division shall investigate the complaint in its entirety and notify the medical licensing board of Indiana of the investigation.

(c) The state board of cosmetology and barber examiners shall investigate complaints under IC 25-8-14-5, IC 25-8-4-13, IC 25-8-4-29, IC 25-8-9-14, and IC 25-8-15.4-5. The division shall forward a complaint concerning the practice of beauty culture under IC 25-8 to the state board of cosmetology and barber examiners for investigation by the state board of cosmetology and barber examiners. However, if the complaint includes a violation in addition to a violation specified in IC 25-8-14-5, IC 25-8-4-13, IC 25-8-4-29, IC 25-8-9-14, and IC 25-8-15.4-5, the division shall investigate the complaint in its entirety and notify the state board of cosmetology and barber examiners of the investigation.

(d) The Indiana board of veterinary medicine and the division shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that establishes a process for sharing information between the division and the Indiana board of veterinary medicine concerning complaints received and the investigation of complaints of violations of IC 25-38.1. The memorandum of understanding shall include, without limitation, a process for providing information to the state veterinarian on behalf of the Indiana board of veterinary medicine, including complaints received, investigations conducted on behalf of the Indiana board of veterinary medicine, and case dispositions.

SECTION 15. IC 25-1-7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2015, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. (a) Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to:

(1) a complaint filed by:

(A) a member of any of the entities described in IC 25-0.5-8;

or

(B) the Indiana professional licensing agency; or

(2) a complaint filed under IC 25-1-5-4.

(b) Except as provided in section 3(b), ~~or 3(c)~~, **or 3(d)** of this chapter, the director has the following duties and powers:

(1) The director shall make an initial determination as to the merit of each complaint. A copy of a complaint having merit shall be submitted to the board having jurisdiction over the licensee's regulated occupation, that board thereby acquiring jurisdiction over the matter except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(2) The director shall through any reasonable means notify the



licensee of the nature and ramifications of the complaint and of the duty of the board to attempt to resolve the complaint through negotiation.

(3) The director shall report any pertinent information regarding the status of the complaint to the complainant.

(4) The director may investigate any written complaint against a licensee. The investigation shall be limited to those areas in which there appears to be a violation of statutes governing the regulated occupation.

(5) The director has the power to subpoena witnesses and to send for and compel the production of books, records, papers, and documents for the furtherance of any investigation under this chapter. The circuit or superior court located in the county where the subpoena is to be issued shall enforce any such subpoena by the director.

SECTION 16. IC 25-38.1-1-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]. Sec. 4. "~~Agency~~" refers to the ~~Indiana professional licensing agency established by IC 25-1-5-3.~~

SECTION 17. IC 25-38.1-1-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. "Board" means the Indiana board of veterinary ~~medical examiners medicine~~ established by IC 25-38.1-2-1.

SECTION 18. IC 25-38.1-1-13.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 13.4. "State board" refers to the Indiana state board of animal health established by IC 15-17-3-1.**

SECTION 19. IC 25-38.1-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.249-2019, SECTION 137, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 1. (a) The Indiana board of veterinary ~~medical examiners medicine~~ is established.

(b) Subject to IC 25-1-6.5-3, the board consists of seven (7) members appointed by the governor.

(c) One (1) of the board members must be a registered veterinary technician.

(d) One (1) of the board members must be appointed to represent the general public.

(e) Not more than four (4) board members may be affiliated with the same political party.

(f) A board member may be removed under IC 25-1-6.5-4.

SECTION 20. IC 25-38.1-2-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. (a) The board shall hold an annual meeting in



Indianapolis and other regular meetings during the year at places the board sets.

(b) The board may hold special meetings as necessary. The chairperson or two (2) members of the board may call a special meeting.

(c) Four (4) members of the board constitute a quorum.

(d) All meetings must be open and public. However, the board may meet in closed session:

- (1) to prepare, approve, administer, or grade examinations;
- (2) to deliberate the qualifications of an applicant for license or registration; or
- (3) to deliberate the disposition of a proceeding to discipline a licensed veterinarian or registered veterinary technician.

(e) Minutes of each regular and special meeting shall be compiled and kept as a permanent record in the same office as other records of the board are kept. The ~~agency~~ **board** is responsible for the care and safekeeping of the minutes.

SECTION 21. IC 25-38.1-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.58-2008, SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. (a) At its annual meeting, the board shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson and other necessary officers determined by the board. Officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until a successor is elected. There is no limitation on the number of terms an officer may serve.

(b) The state veterinarian shall be the **chief administrative officer of and** technical adviser ~~of to~~ the board.

(c) The duties of the ~~agency~~ **state veterinarian are the duties the board delegates to the state veterinarian and** include:

- (1) corresponding for the board;
- (2) keeping accounts and records of all receipts and disbursements by the board;
- (3) keeping records of all applications for license or registration;
- (4) keeping a register of all persons currently licensed or registered by the board;
- (5) keeping permanent records of all board proceedings; and
- ~~(6) administering the veterinary investigative fund established by section 25 of this chapter;~~
- (6) performing any other administrative function of the board delegated by the board.**

SECTION 22. IC 25-38.1-2-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 14.5. If the board determines that**



an emergency presents a risk to the delivery of competent, honest, and principled veterinary services in Indiana as described in IC 15-17.5-2-4, the board may adopt emergency rules in the manner provided under IC 4-22-2-37.1 that:

- (1) suspend or modify licensing, examination, continuing education, or permit requirements under this article; or**
- (2) implement measures that safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and animals of Indiana.**

SECTION 23. IC 25-38.1-2-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 15. **(a)** Subject to IC 25-1-7, the board may conduct investigations for the purpose of discovering violations of this article by:

- (1) licensed veterinarians or registered veterinary technicians; or
- (2) persons practicing veterinary medicine without a license or persons practicing as a registered veterinary technician without being registered.

(b) The board, and the state veterinarian if authorized by the board, has the power to subpoena witnesses and to send for and compel the production of books, records, papers, and documents for the furtherance of any investigation under this chapter. The circuit or superior court located in the county where the subpoena is to be issued shall enforce the subpoena.

SECTION 24. IC 25-38.1-2-19, AS AMENDED BY P.L.58-2008, SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 19. (a) The board shall establish by rule under IC 25-1-8 fees sufficient to implement this article, including fees for examining and licensing veterinarians and for examining and registering veterinary technicians.

(b) In addition to the fee to issue or renew a license, registration, or permit, the board may establish a fee of not more than ten dollars (\$10) per year for a person who holds a license or special permit as a veterinarian or a registration or special permit as a veterinary technician to provide funds for administering and enforcing the provisions of this article, including investigating and taking action against persons who violate this article. All funds collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the veterinary ~~investigative~~ **investigative medicine** fund established by section 25 of this chapter.

(c) The fees established under this section shall be charged and collected by the ~~agency.~~ **state board.**

SECTION 25. IC 25-38.1-2-22, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 22. The ~~agency~~ **state board** shall provide the board with ~~full~~ **full-time** or part-time professional and clerical personnel and supplies, including printed matter and equipment, necessary to implement this article.

SECTION 26. IC 25-38.1-2-25, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008, SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 25. (a) The veterinary ~~investigative~~ **medicine** fund is established to provide funds for administering and enforcing the provisions of this article, including investigating and taking enforcement action against violators of this article. The fund shall be administered by the ~~agency~~: **state board for the board**.

(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from the money in the fund. The fund consists of money from the fee imposed under section 19(b) of this chapter.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund. However, if the total amount in the fund exceeds seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) at the end of a state fiscal year after payment of all claims and expenses, the amount that exceeds seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) reverts to the state general fund.

(e) Money in the fund is continually appropriated to the ~~agency~~ **state board** for its use in administering and enforcing this article, conducting investigations, and taking enforcement action against persons violating this article.

(f) The attorney general, ~~and the agency board, and the state board~~ may enter into a memorandum of understanding to provide the attorney general with funds to conduct investigations and pursue enforcement action against violators of this article.

(g) The attorney general and the ~~agency~~ **state board** shall present the memorandum of understanding annually to the board for review.

SECTION 27. IC 25-38.1-2-26 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 26. (a) Any reference in a law, rule, license, permit, registration, certification, order, agreement, or other document to or by the Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners shall be treated after June 30, 2023, as a reference to the board.**

(b) Any rules adopted by the Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners before July 1, 2023, are considered, after June



30, 2023, rules of the board.

SECTION 28. IC 25-38.1-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.58-2008, SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) The board shall hold at least one (1) examination for licensing veterinarians and one (1) examination for registering veterinary technicians each year. However, the board may hold additional examinations. The **agency board** shall give notice of the date, time, and place for each examination at least ninety (90) days before the date set for the examination. A person desiring to take an examination must make application not later than the time the board prescribes under IC 25-38.1-2-12.

(b) The board must approve the preparation, administration, and grading of examinations that comply with the following requirements:

(1) Examinations for licensure to practice as a veterinarian must be designed to test the examinee's knowledge of and proficiency in the subjects and techniques commonly taught in veterinary schools. To pass the examination, the examinee must demonstrate scientific and practical knowledge sufficient to prove to the board that the examinee is competent to practice veterinary medicine. The board may adopt and use examinations approved by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for licensure to practice veterinary medicine.

(2) Examinations for registration as a registered veterinary technician must be designed to test the examinee's knowledge of and proficiency in the subjects and techniques commonly taught in schools for veterinary technicians. To pass the examination, the examinee must demonstrate scientific and practical knowledge sufficient to prove to the board that the examinee is competent to act as a registered veterinary technician. The board may adopt and use examinations approved by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards for registration as a veterinary technician.

(c) To qualify for a license as a veterinarian or to be registered as a veterinary technician, the applicant must attain a passing score in the examinations.

(d) After the examinations, the **agency board** shall notify each examinee of the result of the examinee's examinations. The board shall issue a license or registration certificate, as appropriate, to each individual who successfully completes the examinations and is otherwise qualified. The **agency board** shall keep a permanent record of the issuance of each license or registration certificate.

(e) An individual who fails to pass the required examinations may apply to take a subsequent examination. Payment of the examination



fee may not be waived.

(f) If an applicant fails to pass the required examination within three (3) attempts in Indiana or any other state, the applicant may not retake the required examination. The applicant may take subsequent examinations upon approval by the board and completion of remedial education as required by the board.

SECTION 29. IC 25-38.1-3-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.177-2015, SECTION 78, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 11. (a) Subject to IC 25-1-2-6(e), a license issued under this chapter is valid until the next renewal date described under subsection (b).

(b) All licenses expire on a date set by the **agency board** in each odd-numbered year but may be renewed by application to the board and payment of the proper renewal fee. In accordance with IC 25-1-5-4(c), the **agency board** shall mail a notice ninety (90) days before the expiration to each licensed veterinarian. The **agency board** shall issue a license renewal to each individual licensed under this chapter if the proper fee has been received and all other requirements for renewal of the license have been satisfied. Failure to renew a license on or before the expiration date automatically renders the license invalid without any action by the board.

SECTION 30. IC 25-38.1-3-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.177-2015, SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 12. (a) Subject to IC 25-1-2-6(e), a registration certificate issued under this chapter is valid until the next renewal date described under subsection (b).

(b) Subject to IC 25-1-2-6(e), all registration certificates expire on a date set by the **agency board** of each even-numbered year but may be renewed by application to the board and payment of the proper renewal fee. In accordance with IC 25-1-5-4(c), the **agency board** shall mail a notice ninety (90) days before the expiration to each registered veterinary technician. The **agency board** shall issue a registration certificate renewal to each individual registered under this chapter if the proper fee has been received and all other requirements for renewal of the registration certificate have been satisfied. Failure to renew a registration certificate on or before the expiration date automatically renders the license invalid without any action by the board.

SECTION 31. IC 25-38.1-5-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008, SECTION 49, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. (a) The impaired veterinary health care provider fund is established to provide money for rehabilitation of impaired veterinary health care providers under this chapter. The



agency state board shall administer the fund for the board.

(b) Expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund. The fund consists of any grants or public and private financial assistance designated for the fund.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

(e) Money in the fund is appropriated to the board for the purpose stated in subsection (a).

SECTION 32. IC 35-48-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2010, SECTION 93, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 2. (a) Any humane society, animal control agency, or governmental entity operating an animal shelter or other animal impounding facility is entitled to receive a limited permit only for the purpose of buying, possessing, and using:

- (1) sodium pentobarbital to euthanize injured, sick, homeless, or unwanted domestic pets and animals;
- (2) ketamine and ketamine products to anesthetize or immobilize fractious domestic pets and animals; and
- (3) a combination product containing tiletamine and zolazepam as an agent for the remote chemical capture of domestic pets or animals that otherwise cannot be restrained or captured.

(b) A humane society, animal control agency, or governmental entity entitled to receive a permit under this chapter must:

- (1) apply to the board according to the rules established by the board;
- (2) pay annually to the board a fee set by the board for the limited permit; and
- (3) submit proof, as determined by the board, that the employees of an applicant who will handle a controlled substance are sufficiently trained to use and administer the controlled substance.

(c) All fees collected by the board under this section shall be credited to the state board of pharmacy account.

(d) Storage, handling, and use of controlled substances obtained according to this section are subject to the rules adopted by the board.

(e) Before issuing a permit under this section, the board may consult with the **Indiana** board of veterinary ~~medical examiners~~ **medicine**.

SECTION 33. IC 35-48-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2010, SECTION 94, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) The board shall register an applicant to



manufacture or distribute controlled substances unless it determines that the issuance of that registration would be inconsistent with the public interest. In determining the public interest, the board shall consider:

- (1) maintenance of effective controls against diversion of controlled substances into other than legitimate medical, scientific, or industrial channels;
- (2) compliance with applicable state and local law;
- (3) any convictions of the applicant under any federal and state laws relating to any controlled substance;
- (4) past experience in the manufacture or distribution of controlled substances, and the existence in the applicant's establishment of effective controls against diversion;
- (5) furnishing by the applicant of false or fraudulent material in any application filed under this article;
- (6) suspension or revocation of the applicant's federal registration to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances as authorized by federal law; and
- (7) any other factors relevant to and consistent with the public health and safety.

(b) Registration under subsection (a) of this section does not entitle a registrant to manufacture and distribute controlled substances in schedules I or II other than those specified in the registration.

(c) Practitioners must be registered to dispense any controlled substances or to conduct research with controlled substances in schedules II through V if they are authorized to dispense or conduct research under the law of this state. The board need not require separate registration under this chapter for practitioners engaging in research with nonnarcotic controlled substances in schedules II through V where the registrant is already registered under this chapter in another capacity, to the extent authorized by ~~his~~ **the registrant's** registration in that other capacity.

(d) Registration to conduct research or instructional activities with controlled substances in schedules I through V does not entitle a registrant to conduct research or instructional activities with controlled substances other than those approved by the board in accordance with the registration.

(e) The board may consult with the **Indiana** board of veterinary ~~medical examiners~~ **medicine** before issuing a registration to a person:

- (1) who seeks to conduct research or instructional activities with controlled substances in schedules I through IV; and
- (2) whose activities constitute the practice of veterinary medicine



(as defined by IC 25-38.1-1-12).

(f) Compliance by manufacturers and distributors with the provisions of the federal law respecting registration (excluding fees) entitles them to be registered under this article.



Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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