

SENATE BILL No. 19

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-38.1-1-12.

Synopsis: Equine dentistry. Provides that equine dentistry is not included in the practice of veterinary medicine.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

Boots

January 5, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.



Second Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2016)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-38.1-1-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2015,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 12. (a) "Practice of veterinary medicine" means:
4 (1) representing oneself as engaged in the practice of:
5 (A) veterinary medicine;
6 (B) veterinary surgery; ~~or~~
7 (C) veterinary dentistry, **except as provided in subsection**
8 **(b); or**
9 (D) any of ~~their the~~ branches or specialties **of veterinary**
10 **medicine, veterinary surgery, or, except as provided in**
11 **subsection (b), veterinary dentistry;**
12 (2) using words, letters, or titles in a connection or under
13 circumstances that may induce another person to believe that the
14 person using them is engaged in the practice of veterinary
15 medicine, veterinary surgery, or, **except as provided in**
16 **subsection (b), veterinary dentistry;**
17 (3) accepting compensation for doing any of the things described



- 1 in subdivisions (4) through (8);
 2 (4) providing the diagnosis, treatment, correction, or prevention
 3 of any disease, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or condition of
 4 animals;
 5 (5) prescribing, dispensing, or ordering the administration of a
 6 drug, a medicine, a biologic, a medical appliance, an application,
 7 or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief
 8 of any disease, ailment, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or other
 9 condition of animals;
 10 (6) performing a:
 11 (A) surgical ~~or dental~~ operation; ~~or~~
 12 **(B) except as provided in subsection (b), dental operation;**
 13 **or**
 14 ~~(B) complimentary~~ **(C) complementary** or alternative therapy;
 15 upon an animal;
 16 (7) certifying the health, fitness, or soundness of an animal; or
 17 (8) performing any procedure for the diagnosis of pregnancy,
 18 sterility, or infertility upon animals.
 19 (b) The term does not include **the following:**
 20 (1) Administering a drug, medicine, appliance, application, or
 21 treatment that is administered at the direction and under the direct
 22 supervision of a veterinarian licensed under this article. ~~or~~
 23 (2) Equine massage therapy.
 24 **(3) Equine dentistry, including the diagnosis, treatment,**
 25 **correction, or prevention of any dental disease, defect, injury,**
 26 **deformity, pain, or condition of a horse. Equine dentistry does**
 27 **not include:**
 28 **(A) prescribing a drug; or**
 29 **(B) diagnosing a medical condition that is not dentally**
 30 **related.**
 31 (c) As used in this section, "equine massage therapy" means a
 32 method of treating the body of a horse for remedial or hygienic
 33 purposes through techniques that:
 34 (1) include rubbing, stroking, or kneading the body of the horse;
 35 and
 36 (2) may be applied with or without the aid of a massage device
 37 that mimics the actions possible using human hands.
 38 Equine massage therapy does not include prescribing a drug,
 39 performing surgery, chiropractic, or acupuncture, or diagnosing a
 40 medical condition.

