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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 508

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

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

SECTION 1. IC 25-38.1-1-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 12. (a) "Practice of veterinary medicine" means:

- (1) representing oneself as engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry or any of their branches or specialties;
- (2) using words, letters, or titles in a connection or under circumstances that may induce another person to believe that the person using them is engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry;
- (3) accepting compensation for doing any of the things described in subdivisions (4) through (8);
- (4) providing the diagnosis, treatment, correction, or prevention of any disease, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or condition of animals;
- (5) prescribing, dispensing, or ordering the administration of a drug, a medicine, a biologic, a medical appliance, an application, or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief of any disease, ailment, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or other condition of animals;



(6) performing a:

(A) surgical or dental operation; or

(B) complimentary or alternative therapy;

upon an animal;

(7) certifying the health, fitness, or soundness of an animal; or

(8) performing any procedure for the diagnosis of pregnancy, sterility, or infertility upon animals.

**(b) However,** The term does not include:

**(1)** administering a drug, medicine, appliance, application, or treatment that is administered at the direction and under the direct supervision of a veterinarian licensed under this article; **or**

**(2) equine massage therapy.**

**(c) As used in this section, "equine massage therapy" means a method of treating the body of a horse for remedial or hygienic purposes through techniques that:**

**(1) include rubbing, stroking, or kneading the body of the horse; and**

**(2) may be applied with or without the aid of a massage device that mimics the actions possible using human hands.**

**Equine massage therapy does not include prescribing a drug, performing surgery, chiropractic, or acupuncture, or diagnosing a medical condition.**

SECTION 2. IC 25-38.1-4-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008, SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5. (a) A licensed veterinarian may write prescriptions. Pharmacists shall give the prescriptions written by a licensed veterinarian the same recognition given the prescriptions of persons holding an unlimited license to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine.

(b) A valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship must exist before a licensed veterinarian dispenses or prescribes a prescription product.

(c) Veterinary prescription products, including drugs and immunizing products restricted by state and federal law for use by licensed veterinarians, may not be diverted or transferred to an individual for use on an animal if there is not a current veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the original prescribing veterinarian.

(d) If a veterinarian prescribes a drug for the client's animal, upon request, the veterinarian shall provide the prescription to the client, unless prohibited by state or federal law or to prevent inappropriate use.

**(e) This subsection does not apply to:**



- (1) livestock (as defined by IC 15-11-5-1); or
- (2) an animal immunized by its owner.

**An individual may not immunize an animal for a fee unless the individual is a veterinarian.**



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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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