

HOUSE BILL 2585

By Todd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapter 12, relative to the practice of veterinary
medicine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-139(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(c) A premises permit shall be issued if the premises meets minimum standards established by board rules as to sanitary conditions and physical plant. In lieu of the above procedures, the board may issue a premises permit upon certification by the applicant that the premises have been inspected and accredited by a recognized organization, the standards of which are found by the board to meet or exceed the minimum standards established by board rules. Except for facilities issued a premises permit prior to January 1, 2015, all veterinary facilities located in retail establishments shall have an entrance into the permitted premises that is directly on a public street or public parking area, and such entrance shall be separate from the entrance used by regular retail customers. For purposes of this chapter, "retail establishment" means any retail store in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet that primarily sells goods not related to the practice of veterinary medicine or any veterinary facility located in an enclosed shopping mall or enclosed shopping center. The costs of any inspection undertaken by the board shall be set by the board and paid in advance by the applicant, in addition to the fee established by the board for the premises permit.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.