

SENATE BILL NO. 156—SENATOR HANSEN

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Exempts certain persons who perform certain dental services on equines and livestock from provisions governing veterinary medicine. (BDR 54-36)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted-material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to veterinary medicine; exempting certain persons who perform certain dental services on equines and livestock from provisions governing veterinary medicine; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law defines the term “practice of veterinary medicine” for purposes of regulating such a practice to include diagnosing, treating, correcting, changing, relieving or preventing animal disease and engaging in various other actions, including dentistry. (NRS 638.008) Existing law makes it unlawful to practice veterinary medicine, including dentistry, in this State without a license. (NRS 638.090) Existing law authorizes the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to adopt regulations concerning alternative veterinary medicine, including dentistry. (NRS 638.070) The Board has adopted regulations governing the practice of equine dentistry and the persons authorized to engage in such a practice. (LCB File No. R110-16, adopted February 27, 2018) **Sections 2, 3 and 5** of this bill remove teeth floating services performed by a person who has received certain certification from the provisions of law governing veterinary medicine when performed on an equine or certain livestock, thereby allowing such a person to perform such teeth floating services in this State without a license or other regulations by the Board. **Section 6** of this bill repeals the existing regulations governing equine dentistry, which conflict, in part, with this bill.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 638 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. *“Dentistry” does not include teeth floating services provided by a person who is exempt from the provisions of this chapter pursuant to section 5 of this act.*

Sec. 3. *“Teeth floating services” means the removal of enamel points and the smoothing, contouring and leveling of dental arcades and incisors.*

Sec. 4. NRS 638.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

638.001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 638.0015 to 638.013, inclusive, *and sections 2 and 3 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 5. NRS 638.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

638.015 Nothing in this chapter applies:

1. To the gratuitous castrating, dehorning or vaccinating of domesticated animals nor to the gratuitous treatment of diseased animals by friends or neighbors of the owner thereof, except that all vaccinations for zoonotic diseases must be administered by a licensed veterinarian or a person under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

2. To debar any veterinarian in the employ of the United States Government or the State of Nevada from performing official duties necessary for the conduct of the business of the United States Government or the State of Nevada, or a political subdivision thereof, upon which the veterinarian is assigned.

3. To any person who is a diplomate from an approved specialty board of the American Veterinary Medical Association who is called into the State for consultation by a person licensed to practice under this chapter for a period not to exceed 30 days in any 12-month period if the person practices under the auspices of a licensed veterinarian.

4. To the giving of advice with respect to or the performance of acts which the Board by rule has prescribed as accepted livestock management practices.

5. To the owner of an animal or full-time regular employee of the owner who is caring for and treating an animal which belongs to the owner unless the ownership of the animal is transferred for the purposes of circumventing this chapter, except that all vaccinations for zoonotic diseases must be administered by a licensed veterinarian or a person under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.



6. To any person or agency that performs humane services for wildlife animals without charge.

7. To any person, other than a veterinarian, who renders aid, assistance or relief to an animal in an emergency without charge if the person does not represent himself or herself as holding a license to practice veterinary medicine or as holding a degree in veterinary medicine or other related field.

8. To any person, other than a veterinarian, who renders emergency paramedical services to an animal without charge during the transportation of the animal to a veterinary facility.

9. To any person for the purpose of performing teeth floating services on equine or livestock, as that term is defined in NRS 205.219 if the person is certified by the International Association of Equine Dentistry or its successor organization.

Sec. 6. The regulations adopted by the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in LCB File No. R110-16, which was filed and became effective on February 27, 2018, and any amendments to those regulations are hereby declared void. In preparing the supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code on or after July 1, 2019, the Legislative Counsel shall remove those regulations and amendments.

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

