

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 101—ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the administration of certain substances to animals by licensed veterinarians. (BDR 54-113)

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; authorizing a licensed veterinarian to administer to an animal a product containing hemp or CBD which contains not more than 0.3 percent THC or recommend to the owner of an animal the use of such a product to treat a condition of the animal; prohibiting the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from taking disciplinary action against a licensed veterinarian or the facility in which a licensed veterinarian engages in the practice of veterinary medicine on the basis of the administration or recommendation of such a product; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law authorizes a licensed veterinarian to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine by: (1) prescribing or administering any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique in order to treat an animal; and (2) rendering advice or recommendations related thereto. (NRS 638.007, 638.008) This bill additionally authorizes a licensed veterinarian to administer to an animal a product containing hemp or CBD that has a concentration of not more than 0.3 percent THC. This bill also authorizes a licensed veterinarian to recommend to the owner of an animal the use of a product containing hemp or CBD to treat a condition of the animal.

Existing law authorizes the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to take disciplinary action against a licensed veterinarian for the violation of a regulation adopted by the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners or the State Board of Pharmacy. (NRS 638.140, 638.147) This bill prohibits the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from taking



disciplinary action against a licensed veterinarian or the facility in which the licensed veterinarian engages in the practice of veterinary medicine for recommending the use of or administering certain products containing hemp or CBD to treat a condition of an animal.

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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 a new section to read as follows:

*1. A licensed veterinarian may:*

*(a) Administer to an animal a product containing hemp or CBD if the product:*

*(1) Has a THC concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis; and*

*(2) Is intended for use or consumption through means other than inhalation to treat a condition of the animal; and*

*(b) Recommend to the owner of an animal the use of such a product to treat a condition of the animal.*

*2. The Board shall not take any disciplinary action against a licensed veterinarian or the facility in which the licensed veterinarian engages in the practice of veterinary medicine solely for administering or recommending the use of products pursuant to subsection 1.*

*3. As used in this section:*

*(a) "Administer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 453.021.*

*(b) "CBD" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 453.033.*

*(c) "Hemp" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 557.160.*

*(d) "THC" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 453.139.*

