

JAN 26 2011

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 13, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2010, authorized the board of veterinary examiners to
3 revoke or suspend the license, or fine a licensee for violation
4 of the recognized principles of medical ethics adopted by the
5 Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association and the American
6 Veterinary Medical Association. Prior to the passage of Act 13,
7 the statutes regulating ethical practice for veterinarians were
8 silent as to an accepted code of conduct.

9 The legislature further finds that while the provisions of
10 Act 13 will provide clarity and certainty in enforcement and
11 will remove ambiguity as to the appropriate ethical standards
12 for veterinarians, current law is not sufficient to deter
13 misconduct by unlicensed individuals.

14 The purpose of this Act is to make violations of the
15 practice of veterinary medicine without a license a class C
16 felony.

17 SECTION 2. Section 471-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended to read as follows:

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1 " [†] §471-15 [†] **Criminal penalties.** Any person convicted
 2 of violating section 471-2 shall have committed a [misdemeanor
 3 ~~and be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisoned not~~
 4 ~~more than six months, or both.] class C felony.~~

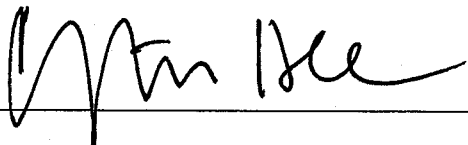
5 Additionally, all tools, implements, appliances, medicine,
 6 and drugs used in the practice of veterinary medicine by any
 7 person convicted of practicing veterinary medicine without a
 8 license shall be declared forfeited to the State by the court
 9 and turned over to the board for disposition as it may choose to
 10 make."

11 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 12 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 13 begun before its effective date.

14 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

Report Title:

Veterinary Medicine; License; Penalties

Description:

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