

SENATE BILL No. 56

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-38.1-3.

Synopsis: Veterinary licensing. Provides that the board of veterinary medicine may issue a license or registration to a qualified applicant without an examination if the qualified applicant: (1) satisfies the requirements for reciprocity of health care professionals; and (2) otherwise meets the requirements to become a licensed veterinarian or a registered veterinary technician.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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December 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.



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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR 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 25-38.1-3-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2014, SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The board may issue a license without an examination to a qualified applicant who:

(1) furnishes satisfactory proof that the applicant:

(A) is a graduate of an accredited college of veterinary medicine;

(B) holds an Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) certificate; or

(C) holds a PAVE certificate;

(2) for the five (5) years immediately preceding filing an application has been a practicing veterinarian licensed in a state, territory, or district of the United States that has license requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter; and

(1) satisfies the requirements set forth in IC 25-1-21; and

(2) otherwise meets the requirements of this chapter.



1 SECTION 2. IC 25-38.1-3-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.58-2008,
2 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. The board may issue a registration without an
4 examination to a qualified applicant who:

5 ~~(1) furnishes satisfactory proof that the applicant has successfully~~
6 ~~completed an accredited veterinary technology program;~~

7 ~~(2) for the five (5) years immediately preceding filing an~~
8 ~~application has been acting as a registered veterinary technician~~
9 ~~in a state, territory, or district of the United States that has~~
10 ~~registration requirements substantially equivalent to the~~
11 ~~requirements of this chapter; and~~

12 **(1) satisfies the requirements set forth in IC 25-1-21; and**

13 ~~(3) (2)~~ otherwise meets the requirements of this chapter.

