



February 5, 2026

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 56

DIGEST OF SB 56 (Updated February 5, 2026 9:21 am - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 25-38.1.

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.

**Leising, Glick, Yoder, Doriot, Byrne,
Spencer, Tomes, Clark, Schmitt,
Alting, Deery, Becker**
(HOUSE SPONSORS — BAIRD, SMITH H)

December 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.
December 9, 2025, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 5, 2026, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
January 6, 2026, read third time, passed. Yeas 49, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

January 20, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.
February 5, 2026, reported — Do Pass.

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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.

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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:

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

5 (+) furnishes satisfactory proof that the applicant:

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

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

10 (C) holds a PAVE certificate;

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

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

17 (3) (2) otherwise meets the requirements of this chapter.

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



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 56, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 56 as introduced.)

LEISING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred Senate Bill 56, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 56 as printed December 10, 2025.)

AYLESWORTH

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

