Citations Affected: IC 25-38.1-3-1.

Synopsis: Equine teeth floating. Provides that an individual who performs only equine teeth floating services is exempt from the veterinary medicine licensing requirements after submitting to the Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners (board) two signed letters of recommendation from previous clients. Requires the board to issue a card that identifies the individual who has submitted the letters of recommendation as a person who is exempt from licensing but may engage in the practice of veterinary medicine only by performing equine teeth floating services.

Effective: July 1, 2019.
SENATE BILL No. 21

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 25-38.1-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2014, SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) A person may not practice veterinary medicine in Indiana unless the person:
   (1) is licensed as a veterinarian in Indiana; or
   (2) holds a special permit issued by the board.
(b) The following persons are exempt from the licensing or special permit requirements of this chapter:
   (1) A veterinarian on the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University performing regular duties, or a veterinarian employed by the animal disease diagnostic laboratory established by IC 21-46-3-1 performing regular duties.
   (2) A veterinary medical officer serving in the United States armed forces or veterinarian employed by a federal, state, or local government agency performing veterinary medical services that are within the scope of official duties and are performed during the period of the person's service.
(3) An individual who is a regular student in an accredited college of veterinary medicine performing duties or actions assigned by the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University or working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(4) An extern.

(5) A veterinarian who is licensed and is a resident in another state or country and consults with a veterinarian licensed under this article.

(6) An owner or a contract operator of an animal or a regular employee of the owner or a contract operator caring for and treating an animal, except where the ownership of the animal was transferred for purposes of circumventing this chapter.

(7) A guest lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University, or elsewhere, in connection with a continuing education program.

(8) An individual while engaged in bona fide scientific research that:

(A) reasonably requires experimentation involving animals; and

(B) is conducted in a facility or with a company that complies with federal regulations regarding animal welfare.

(9) A graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine who is in the process of obtaining an ECFVG certificate or a PAVE certificate and who is under the direct supervision of:

(A) the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University; or

(B) a veterinarian licensed under this article.

(10) A veterinarian who is enrolled in a postgraduate instructional program in an accredited college of veterinary medicine performing duties or actions assigned by the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University.

(11) A member in good standing of another licensed or regulated profession within Indiana who:

(A) provides assistance requested by a veterinarian licensed under this article;

(B) acts with the consent of the client;

(C) acts within a veterinarian-client-patient relationship; and

(D) acts under the direct or indirect supervision of the licensed veterinarian.

(12) An individual who:

(A) has submitted to the board two (2) signed letters of
recommendation, each from a client who has previously
employed the individual to perform, and attests to the
individual's ability to perform, equine teeth floating; and
(B) engages in the practice of veterinary medicine only by
performing equine teeth floating services.
(c) Not more than ten (10) business days after receiving signed
letters of recommendation under subsection (b)(12)(A), the board
shall issue to the individual who has submitted the letters a card
identifying the individual as a person who is exempt from licensing
under this article but may engage in the practice of veterinary
medicine only by performing equine teeth floating services.