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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2842

Introduced by ~~Committee on Agriculture (Cardoza (Chair),
Florez, Reyes, Thomson, and Wiggins)~~ Assembly Member
Calderon

March 2, 2000

An act to amend ~~Section~~ *Sections 4846 and 4846.1* of the Business and Professions Code, relating to veterinary licenses.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2842, as amended, ~~Committee on Agriculture
Calderon.~~ Veterinary licenses.

Existing law requires the Veterinary Medical Board to issue licenses to graduates of veterinary colleges approved by the board. If the applicant's school is not recognized by the board, the board may determine the qualifications of the applicant and review the quality of the educational experience attained at the school. The board may adopt rules and regulations to implement the provision.

This bill would require that the board, in considering an application for licensure, recognize an applicant's diploma from a veterinary college approved or accredited by certain United States and foreign veterinary medical organizations. This bill would also require that graduates of certain veterinary colleges be issued temporary licenses upon the passage of particular examinations. The bill would also provide that these graduates would be eligible to receive a

permanent license upon the successful completion of one year of experience practice supervised by a licensed California veterinarian. This bill would also provide that a graduate of a nonaccredited or nonapproved veterinary college, after completion of the final year of clinical study at an approved or accredited veterinary college, shall be eligible to sit for the State Veterinary Board Examination, the National Veterinary Board Examination, and the California Veterinary Law Examination.

This bill would make mandatory, rather than permissive, the board's determination of the qualifications of a nonaccredited school graduate applicant and its review of the applicant's educational experience. The bill would also make mandatory, rather than permissive, the board's duty to adopt rules and regulations to implement this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. *Section 4846 of the Business and*
 2 *Professions Code is amended to read:*
 3 4846. (a) Applications for a license shall be upon a
 4 form furnished by the board and, in addition, shall be
 5 accompanied by a diploma or other verification of
 6 graduation from a veterinary college recognized by the
 7 board. *The board shall recognize veterinary colleges*
 8 *approved or accredited by the American Veterinary*
 9 *Medical Association, the Mexican National Council for*
 10 *Veterinary Education, and the Pan American Council for*
 11 *Veterinary Education. The board may also recognize*
 12 *additional accrediting bodies that the board determines*
 13 *demonstrate standards consistent with the*
 14 *aforementioned bodies.*
 15 (b) *Graduates of colleges recognized by the Mexican*
 16 *National Council for Veterinary Education and the Pan*
 17 *American Council for Veterinary Education shall be*
 18 *issued a temporary license upon the passage of the State*
 19 *Veterinary Board Examination, the National Veterinary*
 20 *Board Examination, and the California Veterinary Law*



1 *Examination. In order to ensure clinical proficiency, the*
2 *licensee shall be required to participate in a one year*
3 *practice experience under the supervision of a licensed*
4 *California veterinarian in good standing. Upon successful*
5 *completion of the one year practice experience, the*
6 *board shall issue a license to the applicant.*

7 SEC. 2. Section 4846.1 of the Business and Professions
8 Code is amended to read:

9 4846.1. (a) If the veterinary college from which an
10 applicant is graduated is not recognized by the board, the
11 board shall determine the qualifications of those
12 graduates and ~~to~~ review the quality of the educational
13 experience attained by them in an unrecognized
14 veterinary college. The board shall adopt rules and
15 regulations to implement this provision.

16 (b) A graduate of a nonaccredited or nonapproved
17 college of veterinary medicine who has satisfactorily
18 completed the final year of clinical study at an approved
19 or accredited college of veterinary medicine shall be
20 eligible to sit for the State Veterinary Board Examination,
21 the National Veterinary Board Examination, and the
22 California Veterinary Law Examination.

