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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2842**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon**

March 2, 2000

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An act to amend, *repeal, and add* Sections 4846 and 4846.1 of, *and to add and repeal Section 4845 of*, the Business and Professions Code, relating to veterinary licenses.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2842, as amended, 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 authorize the board to remove certain accrediting bodies if the board determines that they do not meet the board's education standards.* 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.

*This bill would specify that its provisions would be operative only until January 1, 2006.*

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 4845 is added to the Business and*  
 2 *Professions Code, to read:*  
 3 *4845. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the*  
 4 *following: through the board's approval process of*  
 5 *accreditation organizations, both domestic and foreign,*  
 6 *the Legislature does not want that approval to degrade*  
 7 *the standards of state licensed veterinarians. The*  
 8 *Legislature finds that all state licensed veterinarians are*  
 9 *to be of sound education and skilled training, and that*  
 10 *they should serve the people of this great state and the*  
 11 *animals with care and professionalism.*  
 12 *(b) This section shall remain in effect only until*  
 13 *January 1, 2006, and on that date is repealed, unless a later*  
 14 *enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2006,*  
 15 *deletes or extends that date.*



1 SEC. 2. Section 4846 of the Business and Professions  
2 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. *The board shall have the*  
15 *authority, until April 1, 2001, to remove the American*  
16 *Veterinary Medical Association, the Mexican National*  
17 *Council of Veterinary Education, and the Pan American*  
18 *Council for Veterinary Education as recognized*  
19 *accrediting bodies, if the board finds that these*  
20 *accrediting bodies do not meet the standards required for*  
21 *the education of their graduates to serve the people of the*  
22 *state.*

23 (b) Graduates of colleges recognized by the Mexican  
24 National Council for Veterinary Education and the Pan  
25 American Council for Veterinary Education shall be  
26 issued a temporary license upon the passage of the State  
27 Veterinary Board Examination, the National Veterinary  
28 Board Examination, and the California Veterinary Law  
29 Examination. In order to ensure clinical proficiency, the  
30 licensee shall be required to participate in a one year  
31 practice experience under the supervision of a licensed  
32 California veterinarian in good standing. Upon successful  
33 completion of the one year practice experience, the  
34 board shall issue a license to the applicant.

35 (c) *This section shall remain in effect only until*  
36 *January 1, 2006, and on that date is repealed, unless a later*  
37 *enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2006,*  
38 *deletes or extends that date.*

39 SEC. 3. Section 4846 is added to the Business and  
40 Professions Code, to read:



1 4846. (a) Applications for a license shall be upon a  
2 form furnished by the board and, in addition, shall be  
3 accompanied by a diploma or other verification of  
4 graduation from a veterinary college recognized by the  
5 board.

6 (b) This section shall become operative on January 1,  
7 2006.

8 ~~SEC. 2.~~

9 SEC. 4. Section 4846.1 of the Business and Professions  
10 Code is amended to read:

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

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

25 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until  
26 January 1, 2006, and on that date is repealed, unless a later  
27 enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2006,  
28 deletes or extends that date.

29 SEC. 5. Section 4846.1 is added to the Business and  
30 Professions Code, to read:

31 4846.1. (a) If the veterinary college from which an  
32 applicant is graduated is not recognized by the board, the  
33 board shall determine the qualifications of those  
34 graduates and review the quality of the educational  
35 experience attained by them in an unrecognized  
36 veterinary college. The board shall adopt rules and  
37 regulations to implement this provision.



1     **(b)** *This section shall become operative on January 1,*  
2     *2006.*

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