



**AN ACT CONCERNING VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) Prior to employment  
2 with a veterinarian, licensed pursuant to chapter 384 of the general  
3 statutes, a veterinary technician shall submit evidence to said  
4 veterinarian of any of the following:

5 (1) Successful completion of (A) a veterinary technology program  
6 accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, or (B) an  
7 associate's or higher degree program in animal or biological sciences,  
8 or (C) have at least fifty per cent of the credits required for a degree of  
9 doctor of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry, and (D) successful  
10 completion of the Veterinary Technician National Examination;

11 (2) (A) Certification as a veterinary technician in another state,  
12 practice as a veterinary technician for a minimum of five years, and (B)  
13 successful completion of Veterinary Technician National Examination;

14 (3) Practice as a veterinary technician for a minimum of twenty  
15 hours per week for three years within the five-year period immediately  
16 preceding October 1, 2002; or

17 (4) Practice as a veterinary technician prior to October 1, 2002, and  
18 successful completion of the Veterinary Technician National  
19 Examination on or before October 1, 2007.

20 (b) A veterinarian shall keep on file all documents required  
21 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such documents shall be  
22 available to the Commissioner of Public Health upon request of said  
23 commissioner.

24 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) A licensed veterinarian  
25 may delegate to veterinary technicians performance of such veterinary  
26 procedures as the veterinarian may deem advisable, provided the  
27 procedures shall be performed under the direction and supervision of  
28 a licensed veterinarian. Such veterinarian shall assume responsibility  
29 for such procedures and for making medical judgments regarding the  
30 animal. For purposes of this section "direction and supervision of a  
31 licensed veterinarian" means a licensed veterinarian is present on the  
32 premises when the procedure is performed by the veterinary  
33 technician and direct communication between the veterinary  
34 technician and the veterinarian is continuously available.

35 (b) Veterinary technicians may not engage in (1) diagnosis or  
36 prognosis, (2) prescription of treatments, drugs, medications or  
37 appliances, or (3) surgery in a veterinary facility or on the premises  
38 where the animal is kept.

39 (c) Prior to delegating veterinary procedures to a veterinary  
40 technician, a veterinarian shall verify that such technician has met all  
41 training and examination requirements as required pursuant to section  
42 1 of this act.

43 (d) No provisions of subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general  
44 statutes, as amended, sections 20-196 to 20-206, inclusive, of the  
45 general statutes and this section shall be construed to require a  
46 veterinary technician to be licensed as a veterinarian or to limit the  
47 activities of a veterinary technician, provided such veterinary  
48 technician is working under the direction and supervision of a licensed  
49 veterinarian and can demonstrate the completion of the requirements  
50 of section 1 of this act.

51 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The provisions of section 1

52 of this act shall not be construed to prevent a licensed veterinarian  
53 from delegating tasks to an employee who (1) has successfully  
54 completed at least one year of a veterinary medicine program or an  
55 associate or higher degree program in animal or biological science, and  
56 (2) has not yet completed the Veterinary Technician National  
57 Examination, provided such employee has received training and  
58 demonstrated competence to the satisfaction of such veterinarian and  
59 such tasks are performed only under the supervision of such  
60 veterinarian.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

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