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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF VETERINARIANS WHEN
PRESCRIBING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 20-202 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

5 After notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in the
6 regulations established by the Commissioner of Public Health, said
7 board may take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 for any of
8 the following causes: (1) The presentation to the board of any diploma,
9 license or certificate illegally or fraudulently obtained; (2) proof that
10 the holder of such license or certificate has become unfit or
11 incompetent or has been guilty of cruelty, unskillfulness or negligence
12 towards animals and birds. In determining whether the holder of such
13 license has acted with negligence, the board may consider standards of
14 care and guidelines published by the American Veterinary Medical

15 Association including, but not limited to, guidelines for the use,
16 distribution and prescribing of prescription drugs; (3) conviction of the
17 violation of any of the provisions of this chapter by any court of
18 criminal jurisdiction, provided no license or registration shall be
19 revoked or suspended because of such conviction if an appeal to a
20 higher court has been filed until such appeal has been determined by
21 the higher court and the conviction sustained; (4) the violation of any
22 of the provisions of this chapter or the refusal to comply with any of
23 said provisions; (5) the publication or circulation of any statement of a
24 character tending to deceive or mislead the public; (6) the supplying of
25 drugs, biologics, instruments or any substances or devices by which
26 unqualified persons may practice veterinary medicine, surgery and
27 dentistry, except that such drugs, biologics, instruments, substances or
28 devices may be supplied to a farmer for his own animals or birds; (7)
29 fraudulent issue or use of any health certificate, vaccination certificate,
30 test chart or other blank form used in the practice of veterinary
31 medicine relating to the dissemination of animal disease,
32 transportation of diseased animals or the sale of inedible products of
33 animal origin for human consumption; (8) knowingly having
34 professional association with, or knowingly employing any person
35 who is unlawfully practicing veterinary medicine; (9) failure to keep
36 veterinary premises and equipment in a clean and sanitary condition;
37 (10) physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor
38 skill, including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging
39 process; (11) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol,
40 narcotics or chemicals; or (12) failure to comply with the continuing
41 education requirements prescribed in section 20-201a. A violation of
42 any of the provisions of this chapter by any unlicensed employee in
43 the practice of veterinary medicine, with the knowledge of his
44 employer, shall be deemed a violation thereof by his employer. The
45 Commissioner of Public Health may order a license holder to submit to
46 a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental
47 capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said
48 commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of
49 Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section

50 19a-17."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	20-202