



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 7168***

LCO No. 4166



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***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, 2017*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Veterinary technician" means a person who (1) has taken and  
4 obtained a passing score on the Veterinary Technician National  
5 Examination administered by the American Association of Veterinary  
6 State Boards, as determined by the Department of Public Health, or (2)  
7 prior to July 1, 2018, was performing the functions of the occupation  
8 with code number, 29-2056, and title, Veterinary Technologist and  
9 Technician, as described by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics  
10 Standard Occupational Classification system, or any successor system.

11 (2) "Immediate supervision" means the veterinary technician is  
12 within direct visual and audible range of a veterinarian licensed under  
13 chapter 384 of the general statutes.

14 (3) "Direct supervision" means a veterinarian licensed under chapter

15 384 of the general statutes is on the same premises as and is readily  
16 available to the veterinary technician.

17 (4) "Indirect supervision" means a veterinarian licensed under  
18 chapter 384 of the general statutes is not on the same premises as the  
19 veterinary technician, but is able to oversee the duties of the veterinary  
20 technician by maintaining direct and contemporaneous  
21 communication with such technician.

22 (b) A veterinary technician shall perform his or her duties under the  
23 immediate, direct or indirect supervision of a veterinarian licensed  
24 under chapter 384 of the general statutes, except that, in the case of an  
25 emergency where the licensed veterinarian is not physically present, a  
26 veterinary technician may render life-saving aid and treatment to an  
27 animal, provided the veterinary technician has received training in and  
28 is competent to provide such aid and treatment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To include a definition of a veterinary technician in the general statutes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*