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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1055

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6 By: Representative G. Smith

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8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 TO EXCLUDE FROM THE ARKANSAS VETERINARY PRACTICE ACT  
11 THE SERVICES OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY; TO ALLOW THE  
12 PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE, CHIROPRACTIC, AND VETERINARY  
13 DENTISTRY ON VARIOUS FARM ANIMALS UNDER THE  
14 SUPERVISION OF A VETERINARIAN; AND FOR OTHER  
15 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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20 PRACTICE ACT THE SERVICES OF ANIMAL  
21 HUSBANDRY AND TO ALLOW THE PRACTICE OF  
22 ACUPUNCTURE, CHIROPRACTIC, AND DENTISTRY  
23 ON VARIOUS FARM ANIMALS UNDER THE  
24 SUPERVISION OF A VETERINARIAN.

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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-101-102, concerning the definitions for  
30 veterinary medicine, is amended to add additional definitions as follows:

31 (15) "Animal husbandry" means the branch of agriculture and  
32 animal science specifically related to the care, breeding, management, and  
33 marketing of bovine, caprine, equine, porcine, poultry, and other farm  
34 animals; and

1           (16)(A) "Teeth floating" means a husbandry procedure distinct  
2 from veterinary dentistry and includes the following procedures performed on  
3 bovine, equine, porcine, and other farm animals:

- 4                   (i) The removal of enamel points;  
5                   (ii) The smoothing, contouring, and leveling of  
6 dental arcades and incisors; and  
7                   (iii) The extraction of deciduous and vestigial  
8 teeth.

9           (B) "Teeth floating" does not include:

- 10                   (i) The administration of sedatives to any animal;  
11 or  
12                   (ii) Dental procedures on canines or felines.

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14           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-101-307(b), concerning the practices  
15 that are excluded from the practice of veterinary medicine, is amended to  
16 read as follows:

17           (b) This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit:

18                   (1) Employees of the federal or state government or employees of  
19 local government who are certified by an agency approved by the board to  
20 perform euthanasia from performing their official duties;

21                   (2) Regular students in a veterinary school or college from  
22 performing duties or actions assigned by the school or college or working  
23 under the direct personal supervision of a veterinarian licensed in the State  
24 of Arkansas;

25                   (3) Reciprocal aid of neighbors in performing routine accepted  
26 livestock management practices without compensation;

27                   (4) Any veterinarian licensed in any foreign jurisdiction from  
28 consulting with a licensed veterinarian;

29                   (5) The owner of an animal, his or her consignees, and their  
30 employees from performing routine accepted livestock management practices in  
31 the care of animals belonging to the owner;

32                   (6) Animal husbandry acts and routine accepted livestock  
33 management practices performed for compensation including without limitation  
34 the following:

35                   (A) Branding;

36                   (B) Castrating;

- 1                    (C) Dehorning;  
 2                    (D) Deworming;  
 3                    (E) Ear notching;  
 4                    (F) Tail docking;  
 5                    (G) Teeth floating;  
 6                    (H) Farriery and hoof care;  
 7                    (I) Massage;  
 8                    (J) Pregnancy checking;  
 9                    (K) Collecting, preparing, or freezing semen;  
 10                   (L) Artificial insemination;  
 11                   (M) Training;  
 12                   (N) Vaccinating; and  
 13                   (O) The acts of a person advising with respect to  
 14 nutrition, feeds, or feeding;

15                   ~~(6)~~(7) A member of the faculty of a veterinary school from  
 16 performing his or her regular functions or a person from lecturing or giving  
 17 instruction or demonstration at a veterinary school or in connection with a  
 18 continuing education course or seminar for licensed veterinarians or  
 19 registered technicians;

20                   ~~(7)~~(8) A person from engaging in bona fide scientific research  
 21 which reasonably requires experimentation involving animals;

22                   ~~(8)(A)~~(9)(A) Any act, task, or function performed by a  
 23 veterinary technician at the direction of and under the supervision of a  
 24 licensed veterinarian, when:

25                            (i) The technician is certified by and annually  
 26 registered with the board as one qualified by training or experience to  
 27 function as an assistant to a veterinarian;

28                            (ii) The act, task, or function is performed at the  
 29 direction of, and under the supervision of, a licensed veterinarian in  
 30 accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the board; and

31                            (iii) The services of the veterinary technician are  
 32 limited to assisting the veterinarian in the particular fields for which the  
 33 assistant has been trained, certified, and registered.

34                            (B) Subdivision ~~(b)(8)(A)~~ (b)(9)(A) of this section shall  
 35 not limit or prevent any veterinarian from delegating to a qualified person

1 any acts, tasks, or functions which are otherwise permitted by law but which  
2 do not include diagnosis, prescribing medication, or surgery; or

3 ~~(9)(10)(A)~~ Any chiropractor licensed in this state and certified  
4 by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association from performing  
5 chiropractic upon animals so long as the chiropractic is performed under the  
6 immediate supervision of an Arkansas-licensed veterinarian.

7 (B)(i) Any practitioner of acupuncture, chiropractic, or  
8 veterinary dentistry from performing the practitioner's procedures on bovine,  
9 equine, porcine, and other farm animals so long as the procedure is performed  
10 under the immediate supervision of an Arkansas-licensed veterinarian.

11 (ii) The exemption provided in subdivision  
12 (10)(B)(i) of this subsection does not include the administration of  
13 sedatives to any animal or acupuncture, chiropractic, and veterinary  
14 dentistry on canines or felines.

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16 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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