

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1055

5 By: Representative G. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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18 PRACTICE ACT THE SERVICES OF ANIMAL
19 HUSBANDRY AND TO ALLOW THE PRACTICE OF
20 ACUPUNCTURE, CHIROPRACTIC, AND DENTISTRY
21 ON VARIOUS FARM ANIMALS UNDER THE
22 SUPERVISION OF A VETERINARIAN.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-101-102, concerning the definitions for
28 veterinary medicine, is amended to add additional definitions as follows:

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

33 (16)(A) "Teeth floating" means a husbandry procedure distinct
34 from veterinary dentistry and includes the following procedures preformed on
35 bovine, equine, porcine, and other farm animals:

36 (i) The removal of enamel points;



1 (ii) The smoothing, contouring, and leveling of
 2 dental arcades and incisors; and

3 (iii) The extraction of deciduous and vestigial
 4 teeth.

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

6 (i) The administration of sedatives to any animal;
 7 or

8 (ii) Dental procedures on canines or felines.

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

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

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

17 (2) Regular students in a veterinary school or college from
 18 performing duties or actions assigned by the school or college or working
 19 under the direct personal supervision of a veterinarian licensed in the State
 20 of Arkansas;

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

23 (4) Any veterinarian licensed in any foreign jurisdiction from
 24 consulting with a licensed veterinarian;

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

28 (6) Animal husbandry acts and routine accepted livestock
 29 management practices performed for compensation including without limitation
 30 the following:

31 (A) Branding;

32 (B) Castrating;

33 (C) Dehorning;

34 (D) Deworming;

35 (E) Ear notching;

36 (F) Tail docking;

- 1 (G) Teeth floating;
- 2 (H) Farriery and hoof care;
- 3 (I) Massage;
- 4 (J) Pregnancy checking;
- 5 (K) Collecting, preparing, or freezing semen;
- 6 (L) Artificial insemination;
- 7 (M) Training;
- 8 (N) Vaccinating; and
- 9 (O) The acts of a person advising with respect to
- 10 nutrition, feeds, or feeding;

11 ~~(6)~~(7) A member of the faculty of a veterinary school from
 12 performing his or her regular functions or a person from lecturing or giving
 13 instruction or demonstration at a veterinary school or in connection with a
 14 continuing education course or seminar for licensed veterinarians or
 15 registered technicians;

16 ~~(7)~~(8) A person from engaging in bona fide scientific research
 17 which reasonably requires experimentation involving animals;

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

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

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

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

30 (B) Subdivision ~~(b)(8)(A)~~ (b)(9)(A) of this section shall
 31 not limit or prevent any veterinarian from delegating to a qualified person
 32 any acts, tasks, or functions which are otherwise permitted by law but which
 33 do not include diagnosis, prescribing medication, or surgery; or

34 ~~(9)~~(10)(A) Any chiropractor licensed in this state and certified
 35 by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association from performing
 36 chiropractic upon animals so long as the chiropractic is performed under the

1 immediate supervision of an Arkansas-licensed veterinarian.

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

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

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