

Session 114 - (2001-2002)

H 4619 General Bill, By Hinson, Altman and Limehouse

Summary: Veterinarians, provisions regarding incompetent and negligent conduct by

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-69-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF VETERINARIANS, SO AS TO DEFINE "INCOMPETENT OR NEGLIGENT CONDUCT"; TO AMEND SECTION 40-69-60, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF VETERINARIANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOLLOWING FINAL ACTION OF THE BOARD, THESE RECORDS ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION; TO ADD SECTION 40-69-135 SO AS TO REQUIRE A VETERINARIAN TO REPORT TO THE BOARD ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THE VETERINARIAN IN ANOTHER STATE AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF THIS IN THE NEWSPAPER AND ON THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION'S INTERNET HOME PAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-69-140, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR MISCONDUCT FOR VETERINARIANS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ISSUANCE OF A PUBLIC REPRIMAND IF A VETERINARIAN ENGAGES IN MISCONDUCT; TO AMEND SECTION 40-69-150, RELATING TO COMPLAINTS AGAINST VETERINARIANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOLLOWING THE FINAL ACTION OF THE VETERINARIAN BOARD ALL DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION; AND TO ADD SECTION 40-69-155 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A VETERINARIAN FOR THE TREATMENT OR FAILURE TO TREAT AN ANIMAL, A PERSON MAY SEEK DAMAGES FOR THE OWNER'S PAIN AND SUFFERING.

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