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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 289

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture

Brief*

SB 289 would amend provisions of the Veterinary Practice Act to allow the Board of Veterinary Examiners to inspect and audit the records and compliance with the standards of practice of any veterinarian, as well as to take any disciplinary action against the licensed veterinarian consistent with the provisions of the bill and any rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

Additionally, the bill would establish a fee for the inspection and audit of records and compliance with standards of practice, which would be not less than \$50 and no more than \$150.

The bill would give the Board of Veterinary Examiners the authority to refuse or restrict a license to practice because an applicant had entered into a plea agreement or a diversion agreement in lieu of further criminal proceedings on a complaint alleging a violation of a felony.

Finally, the bill also would allow the Board to examine and determine the qualifications and fitness of applicants for registration and register veterinarian technicians, as well as issue, renew, deny, and take other actions toward the registration of veterinary technicians in the state.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Background

The Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners testified in favor of the bill, citing that the amendments would give the Board the official authority to perform inspections and audits which they have been doing as a practice since 1996. A representative of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association also testified in favor of the bill, stating the provisions of the bill are a result of updating and practicality demands, and have been requested and sought by Kansas veterinarians. There was no opponent testimony provided at the time of the Senate Committee hearing.

Amendments made by the Senate Committee included adding language that includes a plea agreement in addition to a diversion agreement, and changing "conviction" to read "further criminal proceedings on a complaint alleging a violation." The committee also added the words "compliance with the" in front of "standards of practice" throughout the bill. Other technical amendments were approved by the Senate Committee.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget stated enactment of the bill would increase revenue to the state by approximately \$5,000, of which 90.0 percent would be deposited in the agency's fee fund and the rest in the State General Fund.