47-855. Institutional license; eligibility; scope of practice. (a) There is hereby created a designation of institutional license to practice veterinary medicine, which may be issued by the board to a person employed by a school of veterinary medicine within this state.

(b) On or after July 1, 2016, any person who practices veterinary medicine on client-owned animals in direct association with such person's employment at a school of veterinary medicine within this state must be a licensed veterinarian or possess an institutional license to practice veterinary medicine, except that, on or after June 1, 2016, interns beginning employment at a school of veterinary medicine shall possess a veterinary license or an institutional license prior to the practice of veterinary medicine pursuant to such employment, and such license shall not expire until July 1 of the following year. The term of an institutional license for the year in which a resident's employment ends shall be extended to and expire on July 31, without the necessity of renewal. Residents whose employment ends in 2016 shall not be required to obtain a veterinary or institutional license to practice veterinary medicine.

(c) An institutional license permits a holder thereof to practice veterinary medicine only as it relates to the holder's regular function within the school of veterinary medicine. Persons holding only an institutional license within this state shall be remunerated for the practice of veterinary medicine within the state solely from state, federal or institutional funds and not from the patient-owner beneficiary of their practice efforts. Practicing veterinary medicine beyond the scope of an institutional license shall be the equivalent of practicing veterinary medicine without a license, and shall be grounds for discipline in accordance with the provisions of this act.

(d) A license issued under this section shall be canceled by the board upon receipt of information that the holder of the license has left or has otherwise been discontinued from employment at a school of veterinary medicine within this state.

(e) A license issued pursuant to this section may be revoked or suspended or the licensee may be otherwise disciplined in accordance with the provisions of this act.

(f) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas veterinary practice act.

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