

Bill as Introduced

HB 30 - AS INTRODUCED

2011 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **30**

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COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

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25 Approved: June 7, 2011

26 Effective Date: August 6, 2011

Amendments

Sen. Rausch, Dist. 19
March 11, 2011
2011-0813s
10/05

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Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

- ✓ Senator Sharon Carson Chairman
- ✓ Senator Fenton Groen V Chairman
- ✓ Senator Sylvia Larsen - *in 9:07*
- ✓ Senator Jim Luther - *SICK*
- ✓ Senator Raymond White

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Date: April 20, 2011

HEARINGS

Thursday

4/28/2011

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION	SH 100	9:00 AM
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

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| 9:00 AM | HB30 | relative to reciprocity for licensure by the board of veterinary medicine. |
| 9:10 AM | HB102 | (New Title) establishing a committee to study certain issues relative to the insurance department, banking department, and bureau of securities regulation of the office of the secretary of state. |
| 9:20 AM | HB178 | establishing a committee to study issues regarding Financial Resources Mortgage, Inc. |

Sponsors:

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| HB30 | Rep. Tara Sad | Rep. Robert Haefner | | |
| HB102 | Rep. Marshall Quandt | Rep. Matt Quandt | Rep. Wyman Shuler | Sen. Sharon Carson |
| HB178 | Rep. Marshall Quandt | Rep. Matt Quandt | Rep. David Bettencourt | Rep. Kenneth Weyler |
| | Rep. Wyman Shuler | Sen. Sharon Carson | Sen. John Barnes, Jr. | |

Executive Dept. and Administration Committee

Hearing Report

TO: Members of the Senate

FROM: Deb Chroniak, Legislative Aide

RE: Hearing report on HB 30 – relative to reciprocity for licensure by the board of veterinary medicine.

HEARING DATE: April 28, 2011

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT: Senator Sharon Carson, Dist 14; Senator Fenton Groen, Dist 6; Senator Sylvia Larsen, Dist 15; Senator Jim Luther, Dist 12; Senator Ray White, Dist 9

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT: No one

Sponsor(s): Rep. Sad, Ches 2; Rep. Haefner, Hills 27

What the bill does: This bill allows persons who received a certificate from PAVE, the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence, to apply for license reciprocity with the board of veterinary medicine.

This bill is a request of the board of veterinary medicine.

Who supports the bill: Representative Tara Sad, House ED & A Committee, Ches Dist 2; Stephen Crawford, State Veterinarian, Agriculture, Markets & Food, Animal Industry; Bruce Treat, Bow New Hampshire

Who opposes the bill: No one.

NOTE: Senator Jim Rausch is in support of the bill with the proposed amendment (#2011-0813s, dated 3-11-11).

The hearing on HB 30 opened at 9:00 a.m.

The Chair called on the prime sponsor to provide testimony.

Summary of testimony received:

- Representative Tara Sad stated that this bill was a request of a gentleman who called her last year telling her about a problem, and offering a solution.
- She went on to state that, what this bill does is adds a test certificate to the qualifications for being a licensed veterinarian in the State of New Hampshire. Currently, what is called the ECFVG, Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates is the only test and certificate that is accepted by the state.
- This bill proposes that we accept another, called PAVE or the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Educational Equivalence, as well. The reason that this is so good is that the ECFVG cost thousands of dollars to take for the students, and the PAVE costs hundreds.
- Senator Groen asked Representative Sad if she could explain what the education equivalence is that comes under this.
- Representative Sad indicated that Steve Crawford, the state veterinarian was there to explain that more adequately.
- Senator Jim Rausch offers amendment #0813, which does two things; it does change the title, and there were, basically some errors and omissions on the original bill. He went on to say that in order for the PAVE certificate to be effective, that it has to be inserted in to every appropriate section of the Veterinary Practice Act. The original bill missed a couple of sections; it mentioned reciprocity, but it really applies to licensure. So, this amendment just states that any place there is a notation for the ECFVG certificate it also is added for the PAVE certificate to make it appropriate for the Veterinary Practice Act.
- The ECSVG certificate has been around for a long time. Senator Rausch is not familiar with PAVE, but did check on this and it is a very acceptable testing mechanism, and is approved by both the State Veterinarian and the State Board of Veterinary Medicine.
- Senator Rausch then stated that what this does is for the foreign schools, and these foreign schools are not certified by the American Veterinary Medical Association, so that the students who graduate are not always able to ascertain if their education was equivalent to what you would get in the United States veterinary school.
- So, that is the reason for this testing, to test that their educational background is equivalent to the US educational background, and that is the purpose of these tests, and it is why I recommend that we add an alternative,

and this amendment really house keeps the original intent, so that it shows up in every section of the Practice Act.

- Senator Carson asked if there was anything different with the two, other than cost?
- Senator Rausch stated that he really did not know because he was not familiar with PAVE, but assumes that because the Board has accepted PAVE, that it truly does test for equivalency, and that is the importance here, is that you ascertain that these students had the appropriate education to come to the US, with an equivalent type of education that our US students have.
- Dr. Steve Crawford (in support)(testimony provided), State Veterinarian from the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, and by statute, also an ex officio member of the NH Veterinary Licensing Board. He is here on behalf of the Department and the Board in support of Senator Rausch's amended version of the bill, where technical corrections were necessary.
- Dr. Crawford stated that Senator Rausch covered most of the background. The Board is just stating that there are over 40 states now that recognize both the PAVE and ECFVG exams, and again, is widely considered an adequate assessment of educational equivalency, and the Board is moving now to add that to our statutes to allow American graduates who graduate from these foreign schools to come in, assess their education, and then obtain a license to practice in New Hampshire.
- This is updating something that is an older version of the statute. Dr. Crawford's understanding is that these exams both include a practical portion (hands-on portion), as well as an assessment of their education. There is a cost differential amount, but there is also a time differential. The ECFVG has a backload of many months, and the PAVE does not.
- Senator Groen then asked Dr. Crawford as far as the function of the PAVE versus the ECFVG, had he looked at this himself, or is he basing this on other states that have already looked at it.
- Dr. Crawford stated that they are basing it from the fact that other states have adopted it, and that the ABMA accredits the ECFVG exam. And, then the American Association of State Veterinary Board, which is another accrediting body for accrediting exams, accredits the PAVE, stating that they rely on their expertise.
- Senator Groen asked if both of these were just for foreign students coming in to be tested for their competency.

- Dr. Crawford stated that it was for graduates of foreign colleges; graduates, not necessarily foreign residents.
- Mr. Bruce Treat (in support), Bow, New Hampshire stated that he was the person who requested this legislation, and that he has a vested interest in this matter, because his daughter-in-law attended a foreign veterinary school.
- Mr. Treat wanted to address the idea of foreign students, stating that what this is about is New Hampshire students going to a foreign vet school, and then stated that there are only 64 vet universities in the English speaking world; it's very hard to get a seat and also very expensive.
- New Hampshire uses this one criterion and what he found out was that his daughter-in-law, who is doing her residency at Tufts, would not be allowed to practice in New Hampshire even though she is a New Hampshire native without taking this very expensive equivalency test. And yet, she would be able to practice in Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania; any of those other states except ours, and that did not make a lot of sense.
- Mr. Treat believes that we are in a global economy and that we should have some global equivalency. He also stated that the state has a vender that they have been using for many, many years. There are other people out there that will provide the same sort of certification, cheaper, and perhaps more effective. That is a large part of what this legislation is about.

The public hearing closed at 9:13 a.m.

Funding: None.

Future Action: Senator White motioned "Ought to Pass" on the amendment, and Senator Groen seconded. The vote was in favor 4-0. Senator White then motioned "Ought to Pass as Amended", and Senator Larsen seconded. The vote was 4-0 in favor and Senator Groen will take this bill to the floor.

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[file: HB 30 report]
Date: 04-29-11

Speakers

Testimony

New Hampshire
Department of Agriculture,
Markets & Food

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Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner

April 28, 2011

Honorable Sharon Carson
Executive Departments and Administration Committee, Chair
Room 100, State House
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chairman Carson and Honorable Committee Members,

As an ex officio member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board), I stand in support of Senator Rausch's amendment to House Bill 30 *AN act relative to reciprocity for licensure by the board of veterinary medicine.*

For a number of reasons, many American students attend veterinary college outside of the United States. Upon graduation from veterinary college, in addition to the national competency exam taken by graduates of American colleges of veterinary medicine, these graduates must complete an educational equivalency exam. Current statute requires these graduates to take a particular exam offered by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG). This limited option is reflective of a point in history when this was the only equivalency assessment available. A second option now exists for graduates seeking an educational equivalency exam, Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Educational Equivalence (PAVE).

It is my understanding that there is a backlog of many months for graduates to be able to sit for the ECFVG. I believe that there is more rapid access to the PAVE exam. It is also my understanding that the cost of the examinations is approximately equal. Both ECFVG and PAVE provide reliable, suitable, and necessary assessments of the equivalency of veterinary education for potential licensees in New Hampshire.

HB 30 will expand access to necessary examinations for graduates of foreign veterinary colleges who are seeking a license to practice veterinary medicine in New Hampshire.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Stephen K. Crawford, DVM
New Hampshire State Veterinarian

CC: Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner

Voting Sheets

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: April 28, 2011

THE COMMITTEE ON Executive Departments and Administration
to which was referred House Bill 30

AN ACT relative to reciprocity for licensure by the board of
veterinary medicine.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 4-0

AMENDMENT # 1635s

Senator Fenton Groen
For the Committee

Deb Chroniak 271-1403

New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

Docket of HB30

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) relative to qualifications for licensure by the board of veterinary medicine.*Official Docket of HB30:*

Date	Body	Description
12/22/2010	H	Introduced 1/5/2011 and Referred to Environment and Agriculture; HJ 8 , PG.128
1/4/2011	H	Public Hearing: 1/18/2011 1:00 PM LOB 303
1/18/2011	H	Executive Session: 1/25/2011 1:00 PM LOB 308
1/25/2011	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass for Feb 9 (Vote 17-0; CC); HC 10 , PG.146
2/9/2011	H	Ought to Pass: MA VV; HJ 16 , PG.311
2/9/2011	H	Referred to Executive Departments and Administration; HJ 16 , PG.311
2/15/2011	H	Public Hearing: 3/1/2011 1:00 PM LOB 306
3/3/2011	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass for Mar 15 (Vote 12-0; CC); HC 22 , PG.529
3/15/2011	H	Ought to Pass: MA VV; HJ 26 , PG.709
3/30/2011	S	Introduced and Referred to Executive Departments and Administration; SJ 12 , Pg.243
4/20/2011	S	Hearing: 4/28/11, Room 100, State House, 9:00 a.m.; SC21
4/28/2011	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2011-1635s, NT, 5/4/11; SC22
5/4/2011	S	Committee Amendment 1635s, NT, AA, VV; SJ 15 , Pg.303
5/4/2011	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 1635s, NT, MA, VV; OT3rdg; SJ 15 , Pg.303
5/4/2011	S	Passed by Third Reading Resolution; SJ 15 , Pg.311
5/18/2011	H	House Concurs with Senate AM #1635s(NT)(Reps Haefner and C.McGuire): MA VV; HJ 44 , PG.1531
6/1/2011	S	Enrolled
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6/9/2011	H	Signed By Governor 06/07/2011; Effective 08/06/2011; Chapter 0132

NH House

NH Senate

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT FILE INVENTORY

HB 30 ORIGINAL REFERRAL

RE-REFERRAL

1. THIS INVENTORY IS TO BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE COMMITTEE AIDE AND PLACED INSIDE THE FOLDER AS THE FIRST ITEM IN THE COMMITTEE FILE.
2. PLACE ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE FOLDER FOLLOWING THE INVENTORY IN THE ORDER LISTED.
3. THE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE AN "X" BESIDE THEM ARE CONFIRMED AS BEING IN THE FOLDER.
4. THE COMPLETED FILE IS THEN DELIVERED TO THE CALENDAR CLERK.

- DOCKET (Submit only the latest docket found in Bill Status)
- COMMITTEE REPORT
- CALENDAR NOTICE
- HEARING REPORT
- PREPARED TESTIMONY AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS HANDED IN AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

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- SIGN-UP SHEET(S)

ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:

- AMENDMENT # 0813 S _____ - AMENDMENT # _____
- AMENDMENT # 1635 S _____ - AMENDMENT # _____

ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

- AS INTRODUCED _____ AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE
- FINAL VERSION _____ AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes):

DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK

7/29/11

BY:


COMMITTEE AIDE