

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 HOUSE BILL 2732

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
8 amending 59 O.S. 2001, Section 698.26, as amended by  
9 Section 7, Chapter 172, O.S.L. 2002 (59 O.S. Supp.  
10 2007, Section 698.26), which relates to the  
11 unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine;  
12 providing for certain penalty; and providing an  
13 effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 698.26, as  
16 amended by Section 7, Chapter 172, O.S.L. 2002 (59 O.S. Supp. 2007,  
17 Section 698.26), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 698.26 A. A registered veterinary technician,  
19 veterinary technologist, nurse, veterinary assistant or other  
20 employee shall not diagnose animal diseases, prescribe medical or  
21 surgical treatment, or perform as a surgeon.

22 B. A registered veterinary technician may perform emergency  
23 treatments in a life saving situation in accordance with rules  
24 promulgated by the Board.

1 C. Any person certified as a veterinary technician, who  
2 practices veterinary medicine contrary to the provisions of the  
3 Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act, violates, aids, or abets such  
4 actions, upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
5 and shall also be subject to revocation, suspension, probation or  
6 nonrenewal of certification by the Board. Any person who assumes  
7 the title of registered veterinary technician, or the abbreviation  
8 RVT, or any other words, letters, signs, or figures that might  
9 induce a person to believe that the person using the name is a  
10 registered veterinary technician, when in fact they are not  
11 certified, upon conviction thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

12 D. The penalties provided in subsection C of this section shall  
13 not apply to a student enrolled in an accredited school of  
14 veterinary technology while the student is under the supervision of  
15 an instructor and is performing activities required as a part of the  
16 student's training.

17 E. Any licensed veterinarian permitting or directing a  
18 veterinary technician, aide or animal attendant to perform a task or  
19 procedure in violation of the provisions of the Oklahoma Veterinary  
20 Practice Act, upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of a  
21 misdemeanor and shall also be subject to revocation, probation,  
22 nonrenewal or suspension of license by the Board.

23 F. Any person having never been certified or licensed in this  
24 state as a veterinarian or veterinary technician who practices

1 veterinary medicine contrary to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
2 Veterinary Practice Act shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a  
3 felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department  
4 of Corrections for not more than ten (10) years, or by a fine of not  
5 more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both fine and  
6 imprisonment.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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