

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 677

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S.P. 235

In Senate, February 10, 1983

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

Cosponsors: Representative Ingraham of Houlton and Representative Sherburne of Dexter.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

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AN ACT Concerning Veterinarian Examinations.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSa §4861, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 477, §4, is amended to read:

1. Examinations. The board shall hold at least one examination during each year and may hold such additional examinations as are necessary. The secretary shall give public notice of the time and place for each examination at least 120 days in advance of the date set for the examination. A person desiring to take an examination shall make application at least 60 days before the date of the examination.

The preparation, administration and grading of examinations shall be governed by regulations prescribed

1 by the board the examination shall be done on an  
2 objective basis, with the Maine portion to be repre-  
3 sented by written questions, answers and procedures.

4 After each examination, the secretary shall notify  
5 each examinee of the result of his examination, and  
6 the board shall issue a certificate to each person  
7 successfully completing the examination. The secre-  
8 tary shall record the certificate and issue a license  
9 upon payment of the license fee. Any person failing  
10 an examination shall be admitted to any subsequent  
11 examination on payment of the application fee.

12 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §4861, sub-§2, as enacted by PL  
13 1975, c. 477, §4, is amended to read:

14 2. Board may issue license without a written  
15 examination. The board may issue a license without a  
16 written examination to a qualified applicant who fur-  
17 nishes satisfactory proof that he is a graduate of a  
18 veterinary school and who has for the 5 years next  
19 prior to filing his application been a practicing  
20 veterinarian licensed in a state, territory or dis-  
21 trict of the United States having license require-  
22 ments, at the time the applicant was first licensed,  
23 which were substantially equivalent to the require-  
24 ments of this chapter; and providing no license shall  
25 may be issued under this section, unless the state  
26 from which the applicant comes shall accord equal  
27 rights to the duly licensed veterinarians of Maine.

28 At its discretion, the board may orally or practi-  
29 cally examine any person qualifying for licensure  
30 under this section. If an applicant qualifies accord-  
31 ing to the requirements of this section, he shall be  
32 granted a license reciprocally unless the board in  
33 writing can justify its reasons for not doing so.

34 STATEMENT OF FACT

35 The purpose of this bill is to put some objec-  
36 tivity into the veterinarian licensing procedures and  
37 to clarify the reciprocity provision.

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