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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN FOREIGN-EDUCATED
VETERINARIANS TO PRACTICE UNDER A TEMPORARY PERMIT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-200 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 (a) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-198, the
4 Department of Public Health may issue a license by endorsement to any
5 veterinarian of good professional character who is currently licensed
6 and practicing in some other state or territory, having requirements for
7 admission determined by the department to be at least equal to the
8 requirements of this state, upon the payment of a fee of five hundred
9 sixty-five dollars to said department. Notwithstanding the provisions of
10 section 20-198, the department may, upon payment of a fee of five
11 hundred sixty-five dollars, issue a license without examination to a
12 currently practicing, competent veterinarian in another state or territory
13 who [(1)] (A) holds a current valid license in good professional standing
14 issued after examination by another state or territory that maintains
15 licensing standards which, except for examination, are commensurate

16 with this state's standards, and [(2)] (B) has worked continuously as a
17 licensed veterinarian in an academic or clinical setting in another state
18 or territory for a period of not less than five years immediately
19 preceding the application for licensure without examination. No license
20 shall be issued under this section to any applicant against whom
21 professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject of an
22 unresolved complaint. The department shall inform the board annually
23 of the number of applications it receives for licensure under this section.

24 [(b)] (2) The Department of Public Health may issue a temporary
25 permit under this subsection to an applicant for licensure without
26 examination upon receipt of a completed application form,
27 accompanied by the fee for licensure without examination, a copy of a
28 current license from another state of the United States, the District of
29 Columbia or a commonwealth or territory subject to the laws of the
30 United States, and a notarized affidavit attesting that the license is valid
31 and belongs to the person requesting notarization. Such temporary
32 permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty
33 calendar days and shall not be renewable. The department shall not
34 issue a temporary permit under this section to any applicant against
35 whom professional disciplinary action is pending, or who is the subject
36 of an unresolved complaint.

37 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-198, the Department
38 of Public Health may issue a temporary permit to an applicant who (1)
39 is a graduate from a school located outside of the United States, its
40 territories or Canada with a degree of doctor of veterinary medicine, or
41 its equivalent, from a program acceptable to the American Veterinary
42 Medical Association as required to receive certification by the
43 Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates, (2) is
44 working toward receiving certification from the Educational
45 Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates or Program for the
46 Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence, and (3) has passed the
47 written, oral and practical examinations required under section 20-199.
48 Such temporary permit shall authorize the holder to practice veterinary

49 medicine only under the direct supervision of a veterinarian who has
50 been licensed under chapter 384 for not less than four years. Such
51 temporary permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year after
52 the date of issuance and shall not be renewable. Such permit shall
53 become void and shall not be reissued if the applicant fails to receive
54 certification from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary
55 Graduates or Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education
56 Equivalence. No fee shall be required for the issuance of a temporary
57 permit under this section. As used in this subsection, "direct
58 supervision" means the licensed veterinarian is present in the office
59 where the temporary permit holder is performing such holder's duties
60 and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction to such
61 holder throughout the performance of such duties.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-200

Statement of Purpose:

To expand access to veterinary services in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]