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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 471-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3           "(b) In addition to any other actions authorized by law,  
4 the board may revoke or suspend the license of any veterinarian  
5 or fine the licensee, or both, for any cause authorized by law,  
6 including but not limited to the following:

7           (1) Professional misconduct, gross negligence, or manifest  
8 incapacity;

9           (2) Violation of this chapter or the rules adopted  
10 pursuant thereto or any other law which applies to the  
11 licensee as a practicing veterinarian;

12           (3) Making any false representations or promises through  
13 advertising or otherwise;

14           (4) Habitual intemperance in the use of alcoholic  
15 beverages or addiction to the use of narcotic or  
16 dangerous substances;

17           (5) Mental incompetence;

- 1 (6) Any fraudulent, dishonest, or deceitful act in  
2 connection with the practice of veterinary medicine;
- 3 (7) Making a false statement in any document submitted or  
4 required to be filed by this chapter;
- 5 (8) Revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action  
6 by another state of a license or certificate for  
7 reasons as provided in this section;
- 8 (9) Conviction~~[, whether by nolo contendere or otherwise,~~  
9 ~~or]~~ of or plea of nolo contendere to a penal offense  
10 substantially related to the qualifications,  
11 functions, or duties of a veterinarian,  
12 notwithstanding any statutory provision to the  
13 contrary;
- 14 (10) Violation of chapter 329, the uniform controlled  
15 substances act, or any rule adopted pursuant thereto;  
16 ~~[or]~~
- 17 (11) Failure to report any disciplinary action taken  
18 against a licensee in another jurisdiction within  
19 thirty days after the disciplinary action becomes  
20 final~~[.];~~ or
- 21 (12) Conduct or practice contrary to the recognized  
22 principles of medical ethics of the veterinary

1           profession as adopted by the Hawaii veterinary medical  
2           association and the American veterinary medical  
3           association."

4           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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**Report Title:**

Veterinary Medicine

**Description:**

Permits the board of veterinary medicine to revoke or suspend a license or fine a licensee for conduct or practice that violates recognized principles of veterinary medical ethics. (SD1)

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