



1           **§ -2 Registration required; exceptions.** (a) No person  
2 shall practice or offer to practice as a veterinary technician,  
3 either gratuitously or for pay, or shall announce or advertise  
4 either publicly or privately as prepared or qualified to so  
5 practice, or affix any letters to the person's name with the  
6 intent thereby to imply that the person is a registered  
7 veterinary technician, without having a valid unrevoked  
8 certificate of registration from the board of veterinary  
9 examiners.

10           (b) Nothing in this chapter shall prevent or prohibit:

11           (1) Any person from treating any animal without  
12           expectation or receipt of compensation in case of  
13           emergency;

14           (2) The owner of any animal or animals and the owner's  
15           full-time, regular employees from caring for and  
16           treating any animal belonging to the owner;

17           (3) Students in an educational program for veterinary  
18           technicians from participating in activities conducted  
19           as part of the educational program under the  
20           supervision and guidance of a licensed veterinarian or  
21           registered veterinary technician;



- 1           (4) Individuals who are employed by a licensed  
2           veterinarian and are trained to do only a very limited  
3           number of diagnostic or therapeutic procedures from  
4           carrying out those procedures under the direction of  
5           the licensed veterinarian;
- 6           (5) Any person from practicing as a veterinary technician  
7           in the employ of the United States government while  
8           engaged in the performance of the person's official  
9           duties;
- 10          (6) Any person licensed to practice as a veterinarian in  
11          any state, or any certified scientist or professional  
12          in animal care, from practicing in this State when in  
13          actual consultation with or under the sponsorship of a  
14          licensed veterinarian of this State; provided that the  
15          person licensed from another state, or the certified  
16          scientist or professional in animal care, shall not  
17          open an office, appoint a place to meet patients, or  
18          receive calls within the limits of the State; or
- 19          (7) Any farmer from giving to another farmer the  
20          assistance customarily given in the ordinary practice  
21          of animal husbandry.



1 (c) The board shall establish educational and training  
2 standards with which a person applying for a certificate of  
3 registration as a veterinary technician shall comply.

4 § -3 **Power to investigate.** The board or any member  
5 thereof, or any person designated by the board for the purpose,  
6 may investigate any violation or suspected violation of this  
7 chapter. Each member of the board may administer oaths in  
8 connection with any such investigation.

9 § -4 **Registration.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in  
10 this chapter or in rules adopted by the board, the board shall  
11 issue a certificate of registration to engage in the practice as  
12 a veterinary technician to all applicants who meet the  
13 requirements of this chapter and any rules adopted by the board,  
14 and who pay the required registration fee.

15 (b) All certificates of registration issued by the board  
16 shall expire on June 30 of each even-numbered year next  
17 following the date of issuance. Failure to renew the  
18 certificate of registration on or before June 30 of each even-  
19 numbered year shall automatically constitute a forfeiture of the  
20 certificate of registration; provided that the certificate of  
21 registration shall be restored upon compliance with rules  
22 adopted by the board.



1 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary,  
2 no registration shall expire while the registered individual is  
3 serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States  
4 during any emergency declared by the President or Congress and  
5 six months after the termination thereof.

6 **§ -5 Refusal to grant, revocation, and suspension of a**  
7 **registration.** (a) In addition to any other actions authorized  
8 by law, the board may refuse to grant, renew, reinstate or  
9 restore a registration for any cause that would be ground for  
10 revocation of a certificate registration under the law or rules  
11 adopted by the board.

12 (b) In addition to any other actions authorized by law,  
13 the board may revoke or suspend the certificate of registration  
14 of any veterinary technician, fine a registered individual, or  
15 both, for any cause authorized by law or rules adopted by the  
16 board.

17 **§ -6 Hearings.** In every case where it is proposed to  
18 refuse to grant, renew, reinstate, or restore a certificate of  
19 registration or to revoke or suspend the certificate of  
20 registration for cause, the person concerned shall be given  
21 notice and opportunity for hearing in conformity with chapter  
22 91.



1           In all proceedings before it, the board and each member  
2 thereof shall have the same powers respecting administering  
3 oaths, compelling the attendance of witnesses and the production  
4 of documentary evidence, and examining witnesses as are  
5 possessed by circuit courts. In case of disobedience by any  
6 person of any order or subpoena of the board or any member  
7 thereof or the refusal of any witness to testify to any matter  
8 regarding which the witness may lawfully be questioned, any  
9 circuit judge, on application by the board or any member  
10 thereof, shall compel obedience as in the case of disobedience  
11 of the requirements of a subpoena issued by a circuit court, or  
12 a refusal to testify therein.

13           **§ -7 Violations; penalties.** Any person who violates or  
14 fails to comply with any provision of this chapter shall be  
15 fined not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

16           **§ -8 Rules and regulations.** The board of veterinary  
17 examiners shall adopt, amend, or repeal rules pursuant to  
18 chapter 91 to establish the requirements for the registration of  
19 veterinary technicians, including basic educational and  
20 examination requirements, and to otherwise effectuate the  
21 purposes of this chapter."



# S.B. NO. 2502

1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014;  
2 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Veterinary Technicians; Registration

**Description:**

Establishes requirements for the practice and registration of veterinary technicians. Requires the Board of Veterinary Examiners to adopt rules. Effective July 1, 2014.

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