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Overview

House File 1756 adds flexibility by authorizing the practice of veterinary medicine at the Veterinary Medical Center of the University of Minnesota by certain persons with hard-to-fill faculty specialties or those who received their initial veterinary training at board-approved foreign veterinary medical schools.

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- 1** **Authorized activities.** Allows veterinarians in compliance with subdivision 6 (created by section 2, below) to perform teaching, demonstration, and research duties for the education of veterinarians and pathologists at the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, University of Minnesota.
- 2** **Faculty licensure.** Creates a new subdivision allowing certain veterinary clinicians at the University to treat animals at the Medical Center if they don't possess the same license required of other veterinary practitioners but meet criteria in this subdivision.
 - The practitioner must have held a hard-to-fill faculty position at the College of Veterinary Medicine for five years or more prior to 2003 or been specialty board certified by AVMA. If these criteria are met the clinician may practice in the specialty area while in the employ of the Veterinary Medical Center
 - Or, a specialty practitioner in a hard-to-fill faculty position at the University who has graduated from a board-approved foreign veterinary school may be issued a temporary faculty clinician license. The temporary license is valid for two years and

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allows the licensee to practice in the specialty area while in the employ of the Veterinary Medical Center. The holder of a temporary license may be issued two-year extensions to the license if enrolled in a PhD program. Holders who are not enrolled in a PhD program may be granted a single two-year license extension. In both cases the extensions are contingent upon demonstrating suitable progress in an academic program.

- Temporary and specialty faculty clinician licensees are governed by the same rules of practice as other state-licensed veterinarians.
- License fees and late payment fees for temporary and specialty practitioners are the same as for other state-licensed veterinarians.