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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Love and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture

From: David Wiese, Assistant Revisor

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Subject: SB 189; Creating an institutional license to practice veterinary medicine

Senate Bill No. 189 adds two new sections to the Kansas veterinary practice act to create a new license designation known as the institutional license. The bill establishes the application fee for an institutional license at an amount not less than \$50 and no more than \$200. The annual renewal fee for an institutional license would be not less than \$20 and no more than \$100.

On or after July 1, 2016, any person who practices veterinary medicine on client-owned animals in direct association with such person's employment at a school of veterinary medicine within this state must be a licensed veterinarian or possess an institutional license. An exception to the July 1, 2016, requirement is that interns beginning employment at a school of veterinary medicine shall possess either a veterinary license or an institutional license on or after June 1, 2016, and such license shall not expire until July 1 of the following year.

Veterinary residents whose employment ends in 2016 shall not be required to obtain a veterinary or institutional license to practice veterinary medicine at a school of veterinary medicine.

An institutional license would permit the practice of veterinary medicine only as it relates to the license holder's regular function within a school of veterinary medicine. Practicing veterinary medicine beyond the scope of an institutional license shall be the equivalent of

practicing veterinary medicine without a license and shall be grounds for discipline in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas veterinary practice act.

Section 2 of the bill establishes the procedure by which a person may make an application for an institutional license and lists the requirements an applicant must satisfy before the board of veterinary examiners issues an institutional license. This section also allows a school of veterinary medicine located in this state to submit the applications of its employees desiring an institutional license in a compiled format acceptable to the board, with a single form of payment of the corresponding license application fees.

On and after July 1, 2016, the bill would not prohibit:

1. The practice of veterinary medicine at a school of veterinary medicine in this state by a person possessing an institutional license;
2. A person who is a member of the faculty of a school of veterinary medicine from lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at the school or at a continuing education course for veterinarians or veterinary technicians; or
3. The temporary practice of veterinary medicine at a school of veterinary medicine in this state, for a period not exceeding 30 days per calendar year, by a person eligible to obtain a veterinary or institutional license upon examination and application for such license.

For institutional licenses, a notice of expiration of such license shall be mailed to the applicant and the school of veterinary medicine at which the licensee is employed not later than 30 days prior to the expiration of such license. The application for renewal of institutional licenses may be made in compiled format by the school of veterinary medicine for all of its employees desiring renewal, along with a single payment for all corresponding renewal fees.