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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a review of statutes and rules by the Iowa
2 board of veterinary medicine.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. IOWA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE — REVIEW OF
2 STATUTES AND RULES — REPORT.

3 1. a. The Iowa board of veterinary medicine shall conduct
4 a review of provisions in chapter 169 and its rules, regulating
5 auxiliary personnel, including but not limited to veterinary
6 assistants and veterinary technicians, employed by licensed
7 veterinarians. The board shall determine the extent to which
8 chapter 169 and its rules should be amended in order to ensure
9 all of the following:

10 (1) The rules are based on statute delegating authority to
11 the board to adopt such rules.

12 (2) The statutes and rules provide that auxiliary personnel
13 perform procedures on animals that are ancillary to, and not
14 within, the scope of the practice of veterinary medicine as
15 defined in section 169.3, subsection 10, paragraph "a".

16 (3) The statutes and rules include requirements that
17 auxiliary personnel act under the direct supervision and
18 control of a licensed veterinarian.

19 (4) The statutes and rules provide definitions for all
20 auxiliary personnel titles that are separated based on required
21 experience, training, education, and examination.

22 (5) The statutes and rules include requirements for board of
23 veterinary medicine certification of auxiliary personnel.

24 (6) The statutes and rules include requirements that
25 auxiliary personnel post their credentials at the principal
26 office of the licensed veterinarian who is the employer.

27 b. As part of its review, the board may also identify and
28 eliminate any rule that is outdated, redundant, or inconsistent
29 with statute or its own rules.

30 2. In conducting its review, the board shall consult
31 with interested organizations, including the Iowa veterinary
32 medical association, and conduct hearings in which licensed
33 veterinarians are invited to participate.

34 3. On or before January 10, 2020, the board shall complete
35 its review and submit a report summarizing its findings and

1 recommendations to the secretary of agriculture and the general
2 assembly, including the administrative rules review committee.
3 The report shall include any proposed legislation amending
4 chapter 169 and proposed rules to be submitted as a notice of
5 intended action under section 17A.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
7 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill requires the Iowa board of veterinary medicine
12 (board) to conduct a review of provisions in its enabling
13 statute (Code chapter 169) including its administrative rules,
14 as they relate to the regulation of veterinary assistants,
15 veterinary technicians, and other auxiliary personnel. As
16 part of its review, the board must consult with interested
17 organizations and conduct hearings in which licensed
18 veterinarians are invited to participate. Upon completion
19 of its review, on or before January 10, 2020, the board must
20 submit a report summarizing its findings and recommendations
21 to the secretary of agriculture and the general assembly,
22 including the administrative rules review committee.