
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 769 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY STACK, FONTANA, BREWSTER, BOSCOLA, LEACH, BROWNE,
FERLO AND FARNESE, MARCH 7, 2011

REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
MARCH 7, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 27, 1974 (P.L.995, No.326),
2 entitled "An act regulating the practice of veterinary
3 medicine and imposing penalties," further providing for
4 grounds for disciplinary proceedings.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 21(11) of the act of December 27, 1974
8 (P.L.995, No.326), known as the Veterinary Medicine Practice
9 Act, amended December 9, 2002 (P.L.1370, No.167), is amended to
10 read:

11 Section 21. Grounds for Disciplinary Proceedings.--The board
12 shall suspend or revoke any license or certificate or otherwise
13 discipline an applicant, licensee or certificate holder who is
14 found guilty by the board or by a court of one or more of the
15 following:

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17 (11) Incompetence, gross negligence or other malpractice, or
18 the departure from, or failure to conform to, the standards of

1 acceptable and prevailing veterinary medical practice, in which
2 case actual injury need not be established. Failure of a
3 licensee to perform prescreening of an animal, such as
4 conducting a blood test, prior to use of a drug, if the
5 prescreening is recommended by the drug manufacturer, may be
6 evidence in a disciplinary action at the discretion of the
7 board. The board may consider the withholding of consent for any
8 prescreening by the animal owner.

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10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.