

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Under current Idaho law, a certified veterinary technician, assistant, or others to whom a licensed supervising veterinarian has delegated functions and responsibilities, must actually be employed by the veterinarian. In other words, there must be an employer-employee relationship. In practice, this requirement has proven to be an unnecessary and unreasonable restriction on volunteers and others in providing their services to the veterinary community. The proposed legislation seeks to alleviate these problems by eliminating the requirement of an employer-employee relationship through redefining several terms used in the Veterinary Practice Act, while retaining a requirement that the supervising veterinarian remain liable for the neglect or otherwise wrongful acts of persons to whom tasks are delegated. The legislation also clarifies the definition of the term "in good standing" for licensing purposes.

FISCAL NOTE

None.

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