

**45:16-8.1 et al.**  
**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**  
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**LAWS OF:** 2013            **CHAPTER:** 122

**NJSA:** 45:16-8.1 et al. (Exempts certain veterinary students from compliance with veterinary practice licensure laws)

**BILL NO:** S2504            (Substituted for A4139)

**SPONSOR(S)** Lesniak and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** January 28, 2013

**COMMITTEE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** -

**SENATE:** Economic Growth

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** June 20, 2013

**SENATE:** June 20, 2013

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** August 9, 2013

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (First reprint enacted) Yes

**S2504**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT** (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill): Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us))

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:** No

**A4139**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 4 introduced bill): Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:** No

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LAW/RWH

P.L.2013, CHAPTER 122, *approved August 9, 2013*  
Senate, No. 2504 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT exempting certain veterinary students from compliance  
2 with veterinary practice licensure laws, and amending R.S.45:16-  
3 8.1 and R.S.45:16-9.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
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13 any disease, pain, deformity, defect, injury, wound or physical  
14 condition of any animal, including poultry and fish, or who prevents  
15 or tests for the presence of any disease in animals, or who performs  
16 embryo transfers and related reproductive techniques, or who holds  
17 himself out as being able or legally authorized to do so.

18 The term "practice of veterinary medicine, surgery, and  
19 dentistry" does not include:

20 (1) The calling into this State for consultation of a duly licensed  
21 veterinarian of any other state with respect to any case under  
22 treatment by a veterinarian registered under the provisions of this  
23 act;

24 (2) The practice of veterinary medicine by any veterinarian in  
25 the performance of his official duties in the service of the State of  
26 New Jersey or the United States Government, either civil or  
27 military;

28 (3) The experimentation and scientific research activities of  
29 physiologists, bacteriologists, biologists, pathologists, biological  
30 chemists, chemists, or persons under the direct supervision thereof,  
31 when engaged in the study and development of methods and  
32 techniques directly or indirectly applicable to the problems of  
33 veterinary medical practice;

34 (4) The administration to the ills and injuries to their own  
35 animals by persons owning such animals; provided, however, that  
36 they otherwise comply with all laws, rules and regulations relative  
37 to the use of medicines and biologics used in so doing;

38 (5) Persons gratuitously giving aid, assistance or relief in  
39 emergency or accident cases, if they do not represent themselves to  
40 be veterinarians or use any title or degree appertaining to the  
41 practice **[thereof]** of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry ;

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SEG committee amendments adopted March 11, 2013.

1 (6) Any properly trained animal health technician or other  
2 properly trained assistant, who is under the responsible supervision  
3 and direction of a licensed veterinarian in his practice of veterinary  
4 medicine, if the technician or assistant does not represent himself as  
5 a veterinarian or use any title or degree ~~【pertaining】~~ appertaining to  
6 the practice ~~【thereof】~~ of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry,  
7 and does not diagnose, prescribe, or perform surgery;

8 (7) Emergency paramedical services rendered during the  
9 transportation of an animal to an animal or veterinary facility, when  
10 the transportation is provided by any person providing the service  
11 for hire as a business;

12 (8) The care, repair and rehabilitation of wildlife species by  
13 wildlife rehabilitators under the responsible supervision of a  
14 licensed veterinarian; ~~【and】~~

15 (9) The undertaking of duties and actions, in accordance with  
16 the provisions of subparagraph (2) of subsection a. of R.S.45:16-9,  
17 by a student at an accredited veterinary school, if the student does  
18 not represent himself as a veterinarian or use any title or degree  
19 appertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery or  
20 dentistry; and

21 (10) Artificial insemination.  
22 (cf: P.L.1985, c.495, s.3)

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24 2. R.S.45:16-9 is amended to read as follows:

25 45:16-9. ~~【No】~~ a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph  
26 (2) of this subsection, no person shall enter 【upon】 into, or  
27 continue, the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery <sup>1,1</sup> or  
28 dentistry in any of their branches, unless 【he】 the person has  
29 complied with the provisions of this chapter and has been licensed  
30 by the board.

31 (2) Any student in good standing at an accredited veterinary  
32 school may, during a school vacation, preceptorship, or intern or  
33 extern program, perform duties or actions that otherwise could be  
34 considered to constitute the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery  
35 <sup>1,1</sup> or dentistry, provided that those duties or actions are assigned by  
36 a qualified instructor <sup>1</sup>at that accredited veterinary school<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>【or】  
37 and<sup>1</sup> are undertaken by the student under the direct supervision of a  
38 licensed veterinarian. <sup>1</sup>A student applicant shall be associated with  
39 a licensed veterinarian in the practice and the student applicant's  
40 labors shall be limited to the practice of that licensed veterinarian.<sup>1</sup>

41 b. No person shall use any title or degree appertaining to the  
42 veterinary profession or the practicing of veterinary medicine,  
43 surgery <sup>1,1</sup> or dentistry in any of their branches without being  
44 licensed and registered in conformity with the provisions of this  
45 chapter.

46 (cf: P.L.1983, c.98, s.11)

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1       <sup>1</sup>**[2.]** 3.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.

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6       Exempts certain veterinary students from compliance with  
7       veterinary practice licensure laws.

# SENATE, No. 2504

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 28, 2013

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator RAYMOND J. LESNIAK**

**District 20 (Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Exempts certain veterinary students from compliance with veterinary practice licensure laws.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



S2504 LESNIAK

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2 with veterinary practice licensure laws, and amending R.S.45:16-  
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32 qualified instructor, or are undertaken by the student under the  
33 direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

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35 veterinary profession or the practicing of veterinary medicine,  
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37 and registered in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

38 (cf: P.L.1983, c.98, s.11)

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill would amend the State law pertaining to the  
46 professional licensure of veterinarians, in order to exempt from



**S2504 LESNIAK**

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2 veterinary activities.

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4 practice of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry unless the  
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10 or intern or extern program, performs veterinary duties or actions  
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12 a licensed veterinarian.

13 New Jersey is apparently one of only four states that does not  
14 currently exempt the authorized and supervised activities of  
15 veterinary students from its veterinary licensure laws.

# SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 2504**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 11, 2013

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2504 with committee amendments.

As amended and reported, the bill would amend the State law pertaining to the professional licensure of veterinarians, in order to exempt from licensure, certain veterinary students engaged in supervised veterinary activities.

State law currently prohibits any person from engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry unless the person has been licensed by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and has complied with all of the provisions of law pertaining to licensure. The bill would expressly exempt from this provision any student who is in good standing at an accredited veterinary school, and who, during a school vacation, preceptorship, or intern or extern program, performs veterinary duties or actions assigned by a qualified instructor at an accredited veterinary school, or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

The committee amendments provide that the student: 1) may perform veterinary duties or actions that are assigned by a qualified instructor from the accredited veterinary school the student attends; 2) shall be under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; 3) shall be associated with a licensed veterinarian; and 4) shall be limited to the practice of that licensed veterinarian. The committee amendments correct the section number of the bill concerning the effective date.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4139

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 6, 2013

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman THOMAS P. GIBLIN**

**District 34 (Essex and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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A4139 GIBLIN

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43 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

1 STATEMENT

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12 veterinary school, and who, during a school vacation, preceptorship,  
13 or intern or extern program, performs veterinary duties or actions  
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16 supervision of a licensed veterinarian. In addition, the bill specifies  
17 that such student shall be associated with a licensed veterinarian  
18 and the students labors shall be limited to the practice of that  
19 licensed veterinarian.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4139**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 6, 2013

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4139.

This bill amends the State law pertaining to the professional licensure of veterinarians, in order to exempt from licensure, certain veterinary students engaged in supervised veterinary activities.

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