

SENATE, No. 2058

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 28, 1971

By Senators HIERING and MUSTO

Referred to Committee on Education

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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
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ADOPTED MARCH 22, 1971

Amend page 1, title, line 2, omit "providing for" insert "making".

Amend page 2, section 5, line 1, after "5.", omit remainder of line and all of lines 2, 3 and 4 and insert: "There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Higher Education for the purposes of this act for the fiscal year 1971-1972 the sum of \$100,000.00."

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Governor William T. Cahill today signed into law a bill which permits the State Board of Higher Education to contract with any accredited school of veterinary medicine in the nation to accept New Jersey students.

Under Senate Bill 2058, sponsored by Senator William T. Heiring (R., Burlington), \$100,000 is appropriated for the first year to enable the Board of Higher Education to enter into contractual agreements with other states. In addition, a seven member advisory committee is established to approve contracts entered into by the Board of Higher Education with accredited schools of veterinary medicine.

In signing the bill Governor Cahill noted that approximately 40 veterinary students are required each year if New Jersey is to meet the needs of its residents and commercial institutions. He also pointed out that at the present there are no facilities or programs in New Jersey for training veterinarians.

"It is essential that New Jersey provide educational opportunities for veterinary students if this State is to continue to provide for the health and protection of animals as well as assure the highest standards for the production of food," Cahill said.

The Governor said that there are only 18 schools of veterinary medicine in the country and pointed out that as the national demand for veterinarians continues to grow it becomes increasingly difficult for New Jersey students to gain admission to these schools.

Cahill added that at present the cost of training veterinarians ranges from \$5,000 to \$9,000 a year. "Under this bill the State will significantly increase the chances for a New Jersey resident to be accepted to a veterinary school. It also offers a better alternative of meeting the State's responsibilities in this area than if New Jersey were to construct its own school. The capital costs would be almost as high as those for medical school," Cahill said.

Under the bill the advisory committee will consist of the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Science or his designee, the President of the New Jersey Veterinarian Medical Association, Secretary of the New Jersey Veterinarian Medical Examining Board, and four veterinarians to be appointed by the Governor. The law takes effect immediately.