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P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 128, *approved December 12, 2022*
Assembly, No. 2026 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning education required for the Animal Health
2 Technician job title in the civil service and supplementing Title
3 11A of the New Jersey Statues.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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9 science/technology, animal science technology, zoology, biology,
10 animal husbandry, or related fields at an accredited college or
11 university shall be no greater than 12 hours for any job title of
12 Animal Health Technician within the civil service ¹local title
13 listing¹.

14 b. An applicant with five years of experience in ¹**the**
15 veterinary technician field in a veterinary hospital, veterinary
16 practice, humane society or other similar place of work where
17 animals are cared for or kept**],** a veterinary office, animal hospital,
18 animal shelter, or other similar place of work where animals are
19 cared for or kept performing vaccinations, diagnostic tests,
20 euthanasia, or various other medical treatments on animals or work
21 involving animal nutrition, taxonomy, animal behavior,
22 parasitology, or bacteriology¹ and who does not meet all of the
23 education requirements shall be eligible for the Animal Health
24 Technician job title ¹within the civil service local title listing¹.

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26 2. This act shall take effect ¹**immediately** on the first day of
27 the seventh month following the date of enactment¹.

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32 Reduces from 18 to 12 specific credit hours required for Animal
33 Health Technician job title in civil service; allows substitution of
34 five years of experience for education requirement.

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:

¹Senate SSG committee amendments adopted June 23, 2022.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2026

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2022 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman HERB CONAWAY, JR.

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI

District 33 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

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22 STATEMENT
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30 specification, including the ability to substitute one year of
31 experience in a veterinary office, animal hospital, or animal shelter
32 performing relevant duties for a certain number of credit hours, or
33 the total number of 60 credit hours required overall. This bill aims
34 to address the difficulty in finding applicants for the job title.

ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2026

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2022

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2026.

This bill changes from 18 to 12 the required number of credit hours for the Animal Health Technician job title in the civil service and allows for an applicant with five years of experience in the field who does not meet all of the education requirements to substitute their experience for the totality of the education requirements.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2026

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2022

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2026.

As amended by the committee, this bill changes from 18 to 12 the required number of credit hours for the Animal Health Technician job title in the civil service local title listing and allows for an applicant with five years of experience in the field who does not meet all of the education requirements to substitute their experience for the totality of the education requirements.

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Assembly Bill No. 2026 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 322 (1R) of the 2022-2023 session.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments:

(1) specify that the bill applies to the civil service local title listing for the job title of Animal Health Technician;

(2) specify the ways of gaining experience in order to substitute experience for the specific education credits;

(3) change the requirements from working as a veterinary technician in a veterinary hospital, practice, or humane society to working in veterinary office, animal hospital, shelter, or similar place and having performed specified duties at the location; and

(4) change the effective date to the first day of the seventh month following the date of enactment.

SENATE, No. 322

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2022 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

SYNOPSIS

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/20/2022)

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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with committee amendments

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As amended by the committee, this bill changes from 18 to 12 the required number of credit hours for the Animal Health Technician job title in the civil service local title listing and allows for an applicant with five years of experience in the field who does not meet all of the education requirements to substitute their experience for the totality of the education requirements.

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Acting Governor Oliver Takes Action on Legislation

12/12/2022

TRENTON – Today, Acting Governor Oliver signed the following bills into law:

A-325/S-152 (Dancer, Benson, Freiman/Diegnan, Corrado, Sauickie) - Authorizes military service members, spouses, and dependents with out-of-state domicile to operate motor vehicles in New Jersey

A-1189/S-1372 (Jasey, Moen/Cunningham, Ruiz) - Requires financial aid award letter provided by institutions of higher education and certain proprietary schools be consistent with financial aid shopping sheet

A-2026/S-322 (Conaway, Mukherji, Haider/Vitale, Beach) - Reduces from 18 to 12 specific credit hours required for Animal Health Technician job title in civil service; allows substitution of five years of experience for education requirement