

# 45:16-7

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2002                    **CHAPTER:** 20  
**NJSA:** 45:16-7                    (Veterinarians—can take licensing exam at certain time)  
**BILL NO:** A656                    (Substituted for S349)

**SPONSOR(S):** Bodine

**DATE INTRODUCED:** Prefiled

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Regulated Professions

**SENATE:** ----

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** March 14, 2002

**SENATE:** March 21, 2002

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** April 30, 2002

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (Original version of bill enacted)

**A656**

[SPONSORS STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

**SENATE:** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**S349**

[SPONSORS STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A656

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

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

Identical to Assembly Statement for A656

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

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P.L. 2002, CHAPTER 20, *approved April 30, 2002*  
Assembly, No. 656

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2 R.S.45:16-7.

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14 provide a certification acceptable to the board that the applicant [has  
15 completed all but the last portion of the last semester of a veterinary  
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21 (cf: P.L.1983, c.98, s.5)

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

# ASSEMBLY, No. 656

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2002 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman FRANCIS L. BODINE**

**District 8 (Burlington)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Chatzidakis**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS AND  
INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 656**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 31, 2002

The Assembly Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 656.

The bill allows veterinary students to take the examination for licensure as veterinarians in the academic year in which they graduate. Under current law, to be qualified as an applicant to take this examination, a veterinary student is required to have completed all but the last portion of the last semester of a veterinary college or university and is to be awarded a veterinary degree at the next graduation.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2002-2003 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

**SENATE, No. 349**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**210th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2002 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator MARTHA W. BARK**

**District 8 (Burlington)**

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SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 349**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 11, 2002

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 349.

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**Governor McGreevey Signs Legislation Allowing Veterinary Students to Take Licensure Exams in Year of Graduation**

(TRENTON)-Governor James E. McGreevey signed into law today Assembly Bill 656, which will allow veterinary students to their license exams during the academic year in which they graduate.

Currently, a veterinary student can take the licensure examination only if he or she has finished all but their last semester at a veterinary college or university or if the student is eligible to graduate at the school's next graduation.

This legislation essentially allows the student to take the exam during the first term of their graduation year.

"Permitting veterinary students to complete their licensure exam during the year of graduation is a fair and effective way to ensure that they are taking the exam when they are best prepared," said McGreevey.

The legislation was sponsored by Assemblyman Francis Bodine (R-Burlington). An identical bill, S-349, was sponsored by Senator Martha Bark (R-Burlington).

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