

HB 1526-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1526-FN**

AN ACT relative to a conditional veterinary license for veterinarians educated in other countries.

SPONSORS: Rep. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Creighton, Hills. 30; Rep. Rollins, Sull. 3; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. Schamberg, Merr. 6; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Ward, Dist 8

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill enables the board of veterinary medicine to issue a conditional veterinary license for veterinarians who are educated in other countries.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Conditional Licensure; Foreign-Educated Veterinarians. Amend RSA 332-
2 B:11 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

3 IV. The board may issue a conditional license to a foreign-educated veterinarian currently in
4 the process of obtaining an ECFVG certificate who has completed all steps of the ECFVG except the
5 clinical proficiency examination (CPE), on the conditions that the veterinarian has legal immigration
6 status in the United States and verifiable status information as maintained by the United States
7 Citizenship and Immigration Services, has applied to take (or retake) and is in the queue for the
8 CPE, or has taken the CPE and is awaiting results, or has passed the CPE and has applied to write
9 the New Hampshire examination, and providing such person is employed by and practices the
10 profession under the supervision of a duly licensed veterinarian practicing in the state. A
11 conditional license may be summarily revoked by a majority vote of the board.

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1526-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	Office of Professional Licensure and Certification Fund			
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

- Does this bill provide sufficient funding to cover estimated expenditures? N/A
- Does this bill authorize new positions to implement this bill? N/A

METHODOLOGY:

This bill enables the board of veterinary medicine to issue a conditional veterinary license for veterinarians who are educated in other countries. The Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) states they are unable to determine how many new applicants would apply for the new license type. However, assuming the new license type would adhere to the \$155 licensing fee specified in Administrative Rule Plc 1002, then any additional licenses would increase revenue to the OPLC fund by an indeterminable amount. The OPLC did state that the administrative cost could be absorbed into their budget.

It is assumed the fiscal impact will not occur until FY 2025.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Office of Professional License and Certification