

SUBJECT: Allowing students to perform equine dentistry under vet supervision

COMMITTEE: Agriculture and Livestock — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 7 ayes — Springer, Anderson, Buckley, Burns, Fierro, Meza, Zwiener
0 nays
2 absent — Beckley, Raymond

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, April 11 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar

WITNESSES: For — Elizabeth Choate, Texas Veterinary Medical Association
Against — None

BACKGROUND: Under Occupations Code 801.260, a person may not perform equine dentistry or offer or attempt to act as an equine dental provider unless the person is a veterinarian who is active and in good standing or a licensed equine dental provider who is active and in good standing performing under the supervision of a veterinarian who is active and in good standing.

Interested parties have suggested that students of equine dentistry programs completing the practical requirements of the certification should be allowed to perform equine dentistry under supervision.

DIGEST: CSSB 814 would allow a student of a State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners-approved equine dental provider certification program who was completing the practical requirements of the certification program to perform equine dentistry under the direct supervision of a veterinarian who was active and in good standing.

This bill would apply only to an application for an equine dental provider license submitted on or after September 1, 2020, and would not apply to the renewal of a licensed issued before then.

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This bill would take effect September 1, 2019.