

2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 142**AMENDMENT 142D
FOR THE SENATE ENGROSSED BILL**

1 **An Act to ~~prohibit certain persons from using the title~~ revise provisions related to**
2 **veterinary ~~technician~~ technicians.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That chapter 36-12 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

5 A person who is not registered as a veterinary technician by the State Board of
6 Veterinary Medical Examiners, or whose registration is suspended or revoked, may not:

7 (1) Assume or use the title veterinary technician; or

8 (2) Advertise or otherwise represent oneself as a veterinary technician.

9 A veterinarian may not advertise or otherwise represent an employee as a
10 veterinary technician unless the employee is registered by the State Board of Veterinary
11 Medical Examiners as a veterinary technician.

12 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

13 **~~Section 2. That chapter 36-12 be amended with a NEW SECTION:~~**

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15 ~~Prior to July 1, 2025, a person who is not registered as a veterinary technician by~~
16 ~~the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners may not assume or use the title~~
17 ~~veterinary technician unless the person:~~

18 ~~(1) Has successfully completed a veterinary technician course of study approved~~
19 ~~by the board; and~~

20 ~~(2) Submits a notarized document to the board from the person's employing~~
21 ~~veterinarian certifying that the person:~~

22 ~~(a) Has at least five years of practical experience working under the supervision of~~
23 ~~the veterinarian; and~~

24 ~~(b) Has agreed to become registered as a veterinary technician under chapter 36-~~
25 ~~12 by July 1, 2025.~~

1 ~~A veterinarian may advertise or otherwise represent an employee as a veterinary~~
2 ~~technician who satisfies the requirements of this section.~~

3 **Section 2.** If a person does not otherwise meet the qualifications to be a registered
4 veterinary technician, as set forth by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on
5 July 1, 2023, the board may register the person as a veterinary technician if the person's
6 employing veterinarian applies to the board in accordance with § 36-12-21.3 no later than
7 June 30, 2027. A person registered under this section is subject to the annual renewal
8 requirements in § 36-12-21.5.

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10 **Section 3.** Section 1 of this Act is effective July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.