

## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1176****AMENDMENT 1176B  
FOR THE HOUSE ENGROSSED BILL**

1 **An Act to ~~provide that authorize certain~~ equine dental maintenance ~~not constitute~~**  
2 **~~the practice of veterinary medicine services by registered equine dental~~**  
3 **~~practitioners.~~**

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

5 **Section 1. That § 36-12-2 be AMENDED:**

6 **36-12-2.** The following persons ~~shall~~ may not be considered to be engaging in the  
7 practice of veterinary medicine in this state:

- 8 (1) Those who administer to livestock, title of which rests in himself, or in his regular  
9 employer, or free service in any case;
- 10 (2) Those who conduct experimentation in scientific research in the development of  
11 methods, technics, or treatment, directly or indirectly applicable to the problems  
12 of medicine and who in connection therewith uses animals;
- 13 (3) Services to poultry in its entirety;
- 14 (4) Regular students in a legally chartered and recognized college of veterinary  
15 medicine, while in the performance of studies and acts assigned by their  
16 instructors;
- 17 (5) Those who are licensed in another state of the United States when engaged in this  
18 state in consultation with veterinarians legally practicing herein, providing such  
19 consultation does not exceed thirty days in any one year;
- 20 (6) Those who are senior students in an approved school of veterinary medicine and  
21 who shall obtain from the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners an  
22 undergraduate permit to practice in the office and under the direct supervision of  
23 any veterinarian practicing within this state;
- 24 (7) Those who are employees of the State of South Dakota or the United States of  
25 America while in the performance of their duties as such employee;

- 1 (8) Those selling drugs, medicines, household remedies, or appliances at wholesale or  
2 retail and advising as to the use and purpose of such drugs, medicines, household  
3 remedies, or appliances;
- 4 (9) Veterinary livestock assistants who are registered ~~by with~~ the State Board of  
5 Veterinary Medical Examiners ~~who and~~ work under the supervision of a veterinarian  
6 licensed in the State of South Dakota ~~to perform while~~ spaying ~~of~~ cattle and  
7 ~~administration of administering~~ biologics and pharmaceuticals under the order of  
8 their supervising veterinarians. ~~The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners~~  
9 ~~shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 for the registration of veterinary~~  
10 ~~livestock assistants; and~~
- 11 (10) ~~Those who~~ Equine dental practitioners who are registered with the State Board of  
12 Veterinary Medical Examiners and certified by the International Association of  
13 Equine Dentistry or a similar organization approved by the State Board of  
14 Veterinary Medical Examiners while engaging in the removal of equine enamel  
15 points, smoothing, contouring, and leveling of equine dental arcades and incisors,  
16 and the removal of equine deciduous and mobile teeth, with handheld or motorized  
17 equipment.

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19 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 36-12:**

20 The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall promulgate rules, in  
21 accordance with chapter 1-26, for the registration of veterinary livestock assistants and  
22 equine dental practitioners.