



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1176

Introduced by: **Representative Hunt**

1 **An Act to provide that equine dental maintenance not constitute the practice of**
2 **veterinary medicine.**

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

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

5 **36-12-2.** The following persons~~shall~~ may not be considered to be engaging in
6 the practice of veterinary medicine in this state:

- 7 (1) Those who administer to livestock, title of which rests in himself, or in his regular
8 employer, or free service in any case;
- 9 (2) Those who conduct experimentation in scientific research in the development of
10 methods, technics, or treatment, directly or indirectly applicable to the problems
11 of medicine and who in connection therewith uses animals;
- 12 (3) Services to poultry in its entirety;
- 13 (4) Regular students in a legally chartered and recognized college of veterinary
14 medicine, while in the performance of studies and acts assigned by their
15 instructors;
- 16 (5) Those who are licensed in another state of the United States when engaged in this
17 state in consultation with veterinarians legally practicing herein, providing such
18 consultation does not exceed thirty days in any one year;
- 19 (6) Those who are senior students in an approved school of veterinary medicine and
20 who shall obtain from the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners an undergraduate
21 permit to practice in the office and under the direct supervision of any veterinarian
22 practicing within this state;
- 23 (7) Those who are employees of the State of South Dakota or the United States of
24 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 registered by the State Board of Veterinary Medical
5 Examiners who work under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed in the State
6 of South Dakota to perform spaying of cattle and administration of biologics and
7 pharmaceuticals under the order of their supervising veterinarians. The State
8 Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter
9 1-26 for the registration of veterinary livestock assistants; and
- 10 (10) Those who provide equine dental maintenance, if certified to perform the
11 maintenance by the International Association of Equine Dentistry.
- 12 For purposes of this section, "equine dental maintenance" means the removal of
13 enamel points, smoothing, contouring, and leveling of dental arcades and incisors, and
14 the removal of deciduous and mobile teeth, with hand or motorized equipment.