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Amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 7-B in paragraph C in the last line (page 3, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "medicine" and inserting the following: 'technology'

Amend the bill in section 14 in §4861 in subsection 4-A in the 2nd line (page 5, line 2 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "board" the following: 'for emergency situations as determined by the state veterinarian'

Amend the bill in section 15 in §4861-A in subsection 2 in the last paragraph in the first line (page 5, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "board" the following: 'for emergency situations as determined by the state veterinarian'

Amend the bill in section 21 in §4877 in the first line (page 7, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "**required** " the following: ' **; Good Samaritan exception** '

Amend the bill in section 21 in §4877 by inserting after subsection 5 the following:

A licensed veterinarian who in good faith engages in the practice of veterinary medicine by rendering or attempting to render emergency care to a patient when a client cannot be identified and a veterinarian-client-patient relationship is not established is not subject to any disciplinary sanctions authorized by Title 10, section 8003, subsection 5-A based solely upon the veterinarian's inability to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that a veterinarian and veterinary technician licensed in another state may practice in the State for a period not to exceed 30 days without a state license or permit only in emergency situations as determined by the state veterinarian. It also adds a Good Samaritan exception for a licensed veterinarian who in good faith renders emergency care to a patient without being able to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship when the veterinarian cannot identify the client. Finally, it makes a technical correction in the section of the bill governing the practice of veterinary technology.