

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 814
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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that a student of an applicable equine dental provider certification program who is completing the practical requirements of the certification program should be authorized to perform equine dentistry or offer or attempt to act as an equine dental provider under certain circumstances. C.S.S.B. 814 seeks to provide for that authorization.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 814 amends the Occupations Code to include among the persons authorized to perform equine dentistry or offer or attempt to act as an equine dental provider a student of an equine dental provider certification program approved by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners who is completing the practical requirements of the certification program and who performs equine dentistry under the direct supervision of a veterinarian who is active and in good standing.

C.S.S.B. 814 removes a specific reference to the International Association of Equine Dentistry with respect to the certification by a board-approved certification entity or organization that a person must obtain to be licensed as an equine dental provider. That change applies only to a license application submitted on or after September 1, 2020 and does not apply to the renewal of a license issued before that date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF SENATE ENGROSSED AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.S.B. 814 may differ from the engrossed in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the engrossed and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute includes provisions removing a specific reference to the International Association of Equine Dentistry with respect to the certification by a board-approved certification entity or

organization that a person must obtain to be licensed as an equine dental provider and providing for the delayed applicability of that change.