

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, individuals in the State of Texas may practice equine dentistry only if they are a veterinarian or a licensed equine dental provider performing under the supervision of a veterinarian—both must be active and in good standing.

S.B. 814 adds another option by allowing a student of an equine dental provider certification program approved by the board who: (1) is completing the practical requirements of the certification program; and (2) performs equine dentistry under the direct supervision of a veterinarian who is active and in good standing to practice equine dentistry.

As proposed, S.B. 814 amends current law relating to the performance of equine dentistry by students of equine dental provider certification programs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 801.260, Occupations Code, as follows:

Sec. 801.260. LICENSE REQUIRED FOR EQUINE DENTISTRY. Prohibits a person from performing equine dentistry or offering or attempting to act as an equine dentist provider unless the person is:

(1)–(2) makes nonsubstantive changes to these subdivisions; or

(3) 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 performs equine dentistry under the direct supervision of a veterinarian who is active and in good standing.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.