

## **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.

As a result, equine dental students are prohibited from receiving practical education as they are neither a veterinarian or a licensed equine dental provider.

Therefore, H.B. 3132 allows equine dental students to perform equine dentistry if they are completing their certification program requirements under the supervision of a veterinarian who is active and in good standing.

H.B. 3132 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. New heading: REQUIREMENTS TO PERFORM EQUINE DENTISTRY. Prohibits a person from performing equine dentistry or offering or attempting to act as an equine dental provider unless the person meets certain requirements, including being 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. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.