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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1112

Introduced by: Representatives Brunner, Buckingham, DeVries, Gilson, Hills, Juhnke, Kirkeby, Krebs, Nelson, Noem, Olson (Betty), Pitts, Rhoden, Sigdestad, Vanneman, and Vehle and Senators Hansen (Tom), Abdallah, Duenwald, Lintz, Maher, and McNenny

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain requirements related to the registration and  
2 authorized activities of veterinary technicians.

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

4 Section 1. That § 36-12-21.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 36-12-21.1. Any veterinarian licensed to practice ~~his profession~~ veterinary medicine in the  
6 State of South Dakota may use the services of ~~not more than two~~ one or more registered  
7 veterinary technicians. ~~Veterinary technicians provided for in this section before being employed~~  
8 ~~by a licensed veterinarian shall be registered by the board as provided by §§ 36-12-21.3 and 36-~~  
9 ~~12-21.4 and while registered and employed by a licensed veterinarian may~~ No person may  
10 perform any duties or services as a veterinary technician unless the person is registered by the  
11 State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners as provided in §§ 36-12-21.3 and 36-12-21.4 and  
12 unless the person is employed by a licensed veterinarian or is supervised by a licensed  
13 veterinarian who is employed by the same entity that employs the veterinary technician. A  
14 person who is registered and employed as a veterinary technician is not be considered to be



1 engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine.

2 Section 2. That § 36-12-21.3 be amended to read as follows:

3 36-12-21.3. ~~An application for registry of~~ Any person who desires to be registered as a  
4 ~~veterinary technician shall be filed~~ file an application with the ~~board by the licensed veterinarian~~  
5 ~~under whom the technician will practice~~ State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The  
6 application for registry shall set out the qualifications of the technician required by the rules of  
7 the board and the application shall be on forms provided by the board. The fee for registration  
8 of a veterinary technician ~~is ten dollars and the~~ shall be established by the board in rules  
9 promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26 and may not exceed fifty dollars. The fee shall accompany  
10 the application.

11 Section 3. That § 36-12-21.4 be amended to read as follows:

12 36-12-21.4. The ~~board~~ State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall issue a  
13 registration certificate for each veterinary technician registered with the board. The certificate  
14 shall state the name of the ~~licensed veterinarian by whom such~~ registered veterinary technician  
15 ~~is employed~~ and the year of registration. The registration certificate shall be posted in the office  
16 of the licensed veterinarian by whom the veterinary technician is employed or supervised.

17 Section 4. That § 36-12-21.6 be amended to read as follows:

18 36-12-21.6. A veterinary technician may ~~only~~ work as a veterinary technician only under the  
19 direction or supervision of ~~the~~ a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinarians by whom ~~he~~ the  
20 technician is employed or who supervise the technician as provided in § 36-12-21.1.

21 Section 5. That § 36-12-21.7 be amended to read as follows:

22 36-12-21.7. A veterinary technician registered under §§ 36-12-21.3 and 36-12-21.4 may not  
23 maintain or operate any office separate from the office of the licensed veterinarian or entity by  
24 whom ~~he~~ the technician is employed.