

Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure

2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary

BILL NUMBER: H407

TITLE: An Act regulating the practice and licensure of veterinary technicians

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CURRENT LAW

Section 26 of Chapter 13 of the General Laws establishes the board of registration in veterinary medicine consisting of four veterinarians, and one representative of the public.

Section 54A of Chapter 112 of the General Laws governs the definitions applicable to sections 54 to 60, inclusive, relative to the board of registration of veterinary medicine and the licensure, study, examinations, fees, renewal of licenses, revocations, institutional licenses, and investigations relative to the veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth.

SUMMARY

This legislation seeks to create a mechanism for the statewide licensure of veterinary technicians by expanding the board to include veterinary technicians. Further, this legislation would define veterinary technician as a graduate of an American Veterinary Medical Association accredited program in veterinary technology or veterinary nursing who has achieved a passing score on an approved licensing exam as determined by the board and is licensed in the Commonwealth; and would make it unlawful for a person who does not meet this criteria to present themselves as a veterinary technician. The board would have 180 days from the passage of this legislation to provide for temporary licensure and to promulgate regulations; and individual veterinary technicians would be required to be licensed by July 1, 2030.