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SYNOPSIS

Requires annual inspections of certain veterinary facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning veterinary facilities and supplementing Title 45
2 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Each animal or veterinary facility operating in the State shall
8 register with the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and
9 shall be inspected by the board on an annual basis. This annual
10 inspection shall be in addition to, and the requirement for an annual
11 inspection shall not be deemed to be satisfied by, any inspection
12 conducted pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-18).

13 For the purposes of this section, “animal or veterinary facility”
14 means an animal or veterinary facility as defined in section 1 of
15 P.L.1983, c.98 (C.45:16-1.1).

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17 2. State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners may, pursuant
18 to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
19 1 et seq.), adopt rules and regulations as shall be necessary to
20 implement the provisions of this act.

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22 3. This act shall take effect 180 days after the date of
23 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill requires animal and veterinary facilities to register with
29 the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and to be
30 inspected by the board on an annual basis. This annual inspection
31 will be in addition to, and will not be deemed to be satisfied by, an
32 inspection conducted to investigate a complaint against the facility
33 or a suspected violation by the facility involving an unlawful act or
34 practice. The registration and inspection requirements will apply to
35 any fixed or mobile establishment, veterinary hospital, animal
36 hospital, or premises wherein or whereon the practice of veterinary
37 medicine or any part thereof is conducted. The bill will take effect
38 180 days after the date of enactment.