

# SENATE, No. 3513

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JAMES W. HOLZAPFEL**

**District 10 (Ocean)**

### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires annual inspections of certain veterinary facilities.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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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26 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. The annual inspection  
31 would be in addition to, and would not be deemed to be satisfied by,  
32 an inspection conducted to investigate a complaint against the  
33 facility or a suspected violation by the facility involving an  
34 unlawful act or practice. The registration and inspection  
35 requirements would apply to any fixed or mobile establishment,  
36 veterinary hospital, animal hospital, or premises wherein or  
37 whereon the practice of veterinary medicine or any part thereof is  
38 conducted. The bill will take effect 180 days after the date of  
39 enactment.