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H.B. No. 3311

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of veterinary dentistry.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 801.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (4-a) to read as follows:

(4-a) "Practice of dentistry" means the use of an instrument or device on any portion of an animal's tooth, gum, or related tissue to prevent, cure, or relieve a wound, fracture, injury, disease, or other condition. The term includes, but is not limited to:

(A) preventive dental procedures, including procedures to:

(i) remove calculus, soft deposits, plaque, and stains;

(ii) smooth, file, or polish tooth surfaces above the gum line; and

(B) operative dental procedures or any other dental procedures that invade the hard or soft oral tissue, including procedures to:

(i) alter the structure of one or more teeth;

(ii) repair damaged and diseased teeth; and

(iii) extract one or more teeth.

SECTION 2. Section 801.151(d), Occupations Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 (d) The board may adopt rules regarding the work of a person  
3 who:

4 (1) works under the supervision of a veterinarian;  
5 and

6 ~~(2)(A)~~ fulfills the requirements established by a  
7 board-approved organization for registered veterinary technicians,

8 or

9 (B) fulfills the requirements established by a  
10 board-approved organization for registered equine dentistry  
11 technicians.