

Amend CSHB 1615 (House Committee Report) by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Section 801.356(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Section 801.355(c) does not apply to the practice of a veterinarian, or the legal successor of the practice, if the practice is operating in space that was opened, designed, or engineered in accordance with plans for a specific facility submitted to the board [~~open and operating~~] before December 31, 2009 [~~January 1, 1993~~].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.