

1-1 By: Kuempel (Senate Sponsor - Averitt) H.B. No. 1615
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2009;
1-3 April 16, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Natural Resources; April 28, 2009, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; April 28, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the practice of veterinarians in certain mercantile
1-9 establishments.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 801.356(a), Occupations Code, is amended
1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 (a) Section 801.355(c) does not apply to the practice of a
1-14 veterinarian, or the legal successor of the practice, if the
1-15 practice is operating in space that was opened, designed, or
1-16 engineered in accordance with plans for a specific facility
1-17 submitted to the board ~~[open and operating]~~ before December 31,
1-18 2009 ~~[January 1, 1993]~~.

1-19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-23 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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