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SENATE BILL 412

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE; ADDING AN EXEMPTION FOR EQUINE  
DENTAL MAINTENANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-14-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,  
Chapter 62, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-14-14. EXEMPTIONS.--Provisions of the Veterinary  
Practice Act do not apply to:

A. employees of federal or state governments  
performing official duties;

B. regular students in a veterinary school  
performing duties or actions assigned by an instructor or  
working under direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian  
during a school vacation period;

C. reciprocal aid of neighbors in performing

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1 routine accepted livestock management practices;

2 D. a veterinarian licensed in a foreign  
3 jurisdiction consulting with a licensed veterinarian;

4 E. a merchant or manufacturer selling at the  
5 merchant's or manufacturer's regular place of business any  
6 medicine, feed, appliance or other product used in the  
7 prevention or treatment of animal disease;

8 F. the owner of an animal and the owner's  
9 consignees and their employees while performing routine  
10 accepted livestock management practices in the care of animals  
11 belonging to the owner;

12 G. a member of the faculty of a veterinary school  
13 performing the member's regular functions or a person lecturing  
14 or giving instruction or demonstration at a veterinary school  
15 or in connection with a continuing education course or seminar  
16 for licensed veterinarians, veterinary technicians or persons  
17 holding or training for valid permits for artificial  
18 insemination or diagnosing pregnancy;

19 H. a person selling or applying any pesticide,  
20 insecticide or herbicide; [or]

21 I. a person engaging in bona fide scientific  
22 research that reasonably requires experimentation involving  
23 animals; or

24 J. a person who provides equine dental maintenance,  
25 if certified to perform the maintenance by the international

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1 association of equine dentistry or another board-approved  
2 certification entity. As used in this subsection, "equine  
3 dental maintenance" means:

4 (1) the removal of enamel points, smoothing,  
5 contouring and leveling of dental arcades and incisors; and

6 (2) the removal of deciduous and mobile  
7 teeth."