

1 HOUSE BILL 447

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO VETERINARY PRACTICE; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE
12 VETERINARY PRACTICE ACT FOR PET OWNERS TO PROVIDE VETERINARY
13 CARE TO THEIR PETS IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

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

18 "61-14-14. EXEMPTIONS.--Provisions of the Veterinary
19 Practice Act do not apply to:

20 A. employees of federal, state or local governments
21 performing official duties;

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

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1 C. reciprocal aid of neighbors in performing
2 routine accepted livestock management practices;

3 D. ~~any~~ a veterinarian licensed in ~~any~~ a foreign
4 jurisdiction consulting with a licensed veterinarian;

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

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

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

20 H. a person selling or applying any pesticide,
21 insecticide or herbicide; ~~or~~

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

25 J. a pet owner or designated caregiver:

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1 (1) injecting a pet with insulin as prescribed
2 by a licensed veterinarian;

3 (2) vaccinating a pet against diseases other
4 than rabies; or

5 (3) implanting a pet with a microchip
6 containing owner identification information."