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2009-10

(session year)

Senate

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**Committee on ... Labor, Elections, and Urban
Affairs (SC-LEUA)**

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Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs

Assembly Bill 417

Relating to: requirements for initial licensure as a veterinarian.

By Representatives Vruwink, Molepske Jr., Berceau, Townsend, Gunderson, A. Ott, Brooks, Tauchen, Jorgensen, Radcliffe, Zepnick, Danou and Mason; cosponsored by Senators Hopper, Olsen and Lassa.

October 29, 2009 Referred to Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.

March 16, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Coggs, Wirch, Lehman, A. Lasee and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Cory Greenfield
- Andrew Welhouse — Senator Randy Hopper

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Amy Sue Vruwink — Representative

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 8, 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (5) Senators Coggs, Wirch, Lehman, A. Lasee and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Lehman, seconded by Senator Wirch that
Assembly Bill 417 be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (5) Senators Coggs, Wirch, Lehman, A. Lasee
and Grothman.

Noes: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0



Adam Plotkin
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2010

Moved by: LEHMAN

Seconded by: WIRCH

AB 417 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
 AR _____ SR _____ Other _____

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Be recommended for:

- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrency

Committee Member

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator Spencer Coggs, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Wirch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator John Lehman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Alan Lasee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Glenn Grothman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	_____	_____

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



AMY SUE VRUWINK
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

November 10, 2009

Senator Spencer Coggs
Chair, Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs
Room 123 South
State Capitol

Dear Chairman Coggs,

Spencer!

I would like to respectfully request that as Chair of the Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs that you would take into consideration holding a public hearing on Assembly Bill 417, relating to: requirements for initial licensure as a veterinarian. This legislation which I introduced was unanimously supported in both the Assembly Committee on Agriculture as well as the entire State Assembly with a vote of 96-0.

Currently there is only one pathway available to graduates of foreign veterinary schools to obtain Wisconsin vet licenses and that is to obtain the ECFVG certification program. The intent of Assembly Bill 417 would allow the Department of regulation and licensing to recognize the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) as well. One of the main reasons why I introduced this legislation is to try to address the serious shortage of large animal veterinarians in Wisconsin. This bill will allow the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing to recognize the PAVE program, and will hopefully allow more vets to practice in our state.

Again, I thank you for your consideration of this request, and if you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this bill please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rep. Amy Sue Vruwink
Chair, Assembly Committee on Agriculture
70th Assembly District

Plotkin, Adam

From: Sumi, Gail - DRL [Gail.Sumi@wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2010 12:55 PM
To: Sen.Coggs; Sen.Wirch; Sen.Lehman; Sen.Lasee; Sen.Grothman
Cc: Colon, Hector - DRL; Rep.Vruwink; Rep.Molepske; Sen.Hopper; Sen.Olsen; Sen.Lassa
Subject: AB 417 - Support - Vet. Examining Board
Importance: High
Attachments: vebpavelettertoassagcte 9 09.doc

This communication is being sent on behalf of the Veterinary Examining Board.

The attached letter was sent in support of Assembly Bill 417, relating to the requirements for initial licensure as a Veterinarian, when the bill was in the Assembly. The Board continues to support the bill and asked that the Board's support be communicated to the members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs. It is unlikely that anyone from the Board will be able to attend tomorrow's public hearing on the bill.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Hector Colon, DRL Executive Assistant at 266-1325.

Blind Copy - Members of the Veterinary Examining Board

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Celia M. Jackson
Secretary



September 24, 2009

THE HONORABLE AMY SUE VRUWINK
CHAIR, ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
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Re: Assembly Bill 417, regarding requirements for licensure as a veterinarian

Dear Representative Vruwink:

The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board conducted an analysis of the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) in 2008 along with the program it currently recognizes to credential foreign veterinary school graduates, the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG). They found no significant difference between the two programs. As part of its analysis of the programs, the Board invited presentations from both organizations, which were delivered at the Board's August 6, 2008 meeting. Following the presentations, the Board unanimously passed a motion in favor of recognizing the PAVE program. The Board has since requested that the legislature pass a bill recognizing this second pathway to licensure for foreign trained graduates so that applicants who have elected to credential through PAVE are finally eligible to practice veterinary medicine in Wisconsin.

The Board's motion in favor of recognizing PAVE reflects the Board's belief that PAVE is an adequate measure of applicants' ability to practice competent veterinary medicine in Wisconsin. As you know, access to high quality veterinary care is vital to Wisconsin's agricultural economy. Acceptance of PAVE will improve the quality of and access to veterinary care in Wisconsin. The Department of Regulation and Licensing and the Veterinary Examining Board are in favor of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of Assembly Bill 417.

Sincerely,

Celia Jackson
Secretary

Robert R. Spencer
Veterinary Board Chair

CC: Members, Assembly Agriculture Committee

Hector Colon, Executive Assistant
Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing





AMY SUE VRUWINK

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Public Hearing On Assembly Bill 417 Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Thank you Chairman Coggs and Committee Members for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Assembly Bill 417: relating to requirements for initial licensure as a veterinarian.

As we all know there is a serious shortage of large animal veterinarians in Wisconsin. With the help of the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, I drafted Assembly Bill 417 with the intention of allowing more vets to practice in our state. Currently, this board only recognizes The Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates certification program of the American Veterinary Medical Association for an initial veterinary license.

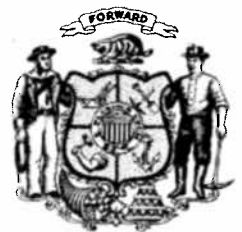
Assembly Bill 417 will allow the PAVE program to be recognized as a second pathway licensure for foreign trained graduates so that applicants who have elected to credential through PAVE are finally eligible to practice veterinary medicine in Wisconsin. In my perspective, the PAVE program will provide another means to alleviate the shortfall of veterinarians in our state and I am hopeful that the members of this committee will support it.

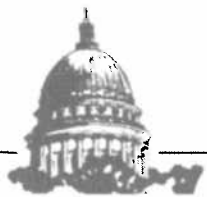
This legislation passed the Assembly committee on Agriculture unanimously on October 21, 2009 and was passed by the full Assembly by a vote of 96-0 on October 27, 2009. The legislative history of this proposal exemplifies its bi-partisan support and I am hopeful that the members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs will recognize the significance that this legislation can have for the many veterinarians that are willing to practice in Wisconsin.

Again, thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on Assembly Bill 417. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





Wisconsin State Senate

RANDY HOPPER

Senator - 18th District

Testimony in favor of AB 417

By Senator Randy Hopper

Prepared for the Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs

Public Hearing Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Thank you Chairman Coggs and Committee Members for the opportunity to testify in support of Assembly Bill 417: relating to requirements for initial licensure as a veterinarian.

Too often, the Legislature deals with ideas and proposals on a hypothetical level, without knowing or appreciating their full impact in the real world. This bill would make a real change in the life of a young Wisconsinite named Cory Greenfield, who will be testifying personally before the committee this morning.

Cory attended the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine on the island of St. Kitts in the Caribbean. He chose the school because they had classes year-round, which meant he could graduate and start working faster; they had a faster application process; and they partnered with schools throughout the United States and the world to give real-world experience on top of the knowledge learned in class. Cory completed his rotations alongside other 4th year students in Wisconsin, and graduated two months ago, in January of 2010.

Unfortunately, Wisconsin has a law on the books that prevents him from going into practice within our borders.

The Department of Regulation and Licensing, specifically the Veterinary Licensing Board, only offers one pathway to graduates of foreign veterinary schools to obtain Wisconsin veterinary licenses, which is the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) certification program. This is an expensive (\$8,000), time-consuming, rigorous exam, which requires a significant amount of travel and preparation.

More than 30 other states, including Minnesota, Illinois and California, offer an easier way: the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE). The Department of Regulation and Licensing conducted an analysis of the two programs, and found "no significant difference between the two programs."

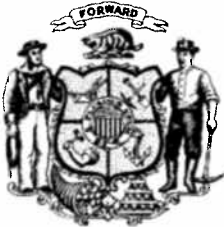
But the difference is exemplified in Cory, and likely many others throughout Wisconsin and the country: current law is standing in the way of them getting to work within our borders. This bill would allow the Veterinary Examining Board to issue an initial veterinary license to those completing PAVE.

A recurring topic in our state is "Brain Drain," the loss of our best and brightest graduates to opportunities in other states – this is something we can do, right now, to make a difference and at least one small move in the other direction. I would encourage you to pass this bill, as we continue to look for ways to grow Wisconsin's workforce and strengthen our economy.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



LEVA Exec + Hearing

Tue. Mar. 16, 2010

EXEC

AB 417

AB 560
AB 567
SB 522 } nothing

SB 479 - Grothman explains amendment
Rush explains more
SC asks ?'s

SB 540 - Rush describes both amendments

HEARING

SB 595

SC + Rep. Van Arman

- SC reads written testimony
- TVA brief remarks
- GB 2 on preemption
 - Rush answers that it's hard to predict
- Danny McGowan
 - no written testimony
- John Metcalf + Jonathan Swain
 - missed most of Swain's verbal testimony

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SB545 cont.

- BW? on balance of fairness in speech
 - doesn't matter what we think, it's Congress' decision
- SC? on state law interaction w/ federal law
 - Runs - hard to say what might happen
- BW? - we're not constitutional experts, we're here to address concerns in our districts
- GB? - any employee ever won on this?
 - most recent case he could find was from '60's
- Fred Begare
 - no written testimony
 - responds to Jonathan Swain comments
 - SC story on machinist job he had
- Tom Brickland
 - has written testimony + 2 guys w/ stories on organizing
- Chad Peters
 - story on organizing
- Kelly Maloney
 - story on organizing
- Charles?
- Tom Karack - brings people
 - Jim Dillon
 - Paul Brzezinski - "captive audience meetings"
 - Patrick Puffer
- Tom Mollanzi - brings guy
 - Ron Falkowski

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8/5/85 cont.

- Wesley Gable - brings two people
 - Debra Christensen
 - Christine Balkuska
- David Boetcher
 - diminishes preemption argument
 - emphasizes trend setting nationwide
 - not regulation on employer free speech, regulation on right of employee to be in room
- John Huebscher
 - affirms right to religious freedom
 - might want language clarifying
- Tom Krukowski
 - south side MKE atty.
 - talking about NLRB preemption
 - bow tie guy
 - we're in the wrong forum, should be national debate
 - management labor lawyer
- Dave Vandenberg
 - Sheetmetal Workers Local 18
 - has mostly off the cuff remarks in response to other comments
- Vungie Moreno
 - Among workers in Waldo, WI cheese shop
- Gene Gasey
 - wishes NLRB didn't exist
 - memories of people who have died in labor movement
 - interesting that NLRB didn't show up

SB 586

- Andy Feldman + Howard Bernstein
 - Andy gives background on process (~~that written, history~~)
 - brief overview of bill by Andy
 - Howard provides scant more info
- Scott Hamilton, Plumbers Local 75
 - talks about process
 - background on his involvement
- Terry Hayden, WI Apprenticeship Council
~~2/2/10~~
 - Plumbers Local 344
 - co-chair of Apprenticeship Council
 - overview of changes
 - changes endorsed by council on Jan. 7, 2010
 - WI Pipetrades approved on March 5
- Robert Ribberich, ABC of WI
 - served on council for 13 years
- Wayne Pselanger, ABC of WI
 - has written testimony
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AB 288

- Glen Schwalbach
 - has written testimony
- GB has ?'s
- Martin Hanson
 - has (2 pages) of written testimony
- GB concerned about limiting by education requirements

AB 288 cont.

- Tom Walther
 - has written testimony
- Charles Kaplin
 - no written testimony
 - representing a section at DRL

AB 417

Cory Greenfield & Andrew Welhouse (Sen. Hopper)

- some written testimony from Hopper
- Cory tells his story
- SL? - are the other schools willing to do that?