

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4448

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 5, 2026

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4448.

This bill establishes an institutional license for individuals to practice veterinary medicine, dentistry, and surgery while employed at an accredited veterinary school in the State.

Under the bill, an institutional license would permit the licensee to practice veterinary medicine, dentistry, and surgery only as it relates to the licensee's regular function as an employee of an accredited veterinary school in the State. The bill requires applicants for institutional licensure to submit proof, as determined by the board, (1) that the applicant has been awarded a degree in veterinary medicine and has passed the New Jersey Jurisprudence Examination; (2) proof of employment at, or an offer of employment from, an accredited veterinary school in the State; and (3) certification that the applicant understands the institutional license only permits the licensee to practice veterinary medicine, dentistry, and surgery in association with the licensee's employment at an accredited veterinary school in the State.

The bill also permits an accredited veterinary school in the State to submit applications for institutional licensure on behalf of employees and future employees of the school in a compiled format and with one form of payment for the applicable fees.

The board is required by the bill to revoke an institutional license upon receipt of information by the board that indicates the licensee is no longer employed at an accredited veterinary school in the State.

A veterinarian issued an institutional license under the provisions of the bill is required to act in compliance with all other regulations governing veterinarians licensed in the State and is required to be remunerated solely from State, federal, or institutional funds and not from the patient-owner beneficiary of the veterinarian's practice efforts.