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**H 1449. VETERINARY PRACTICE ACT/FEES.** *AN ACT REWRITING THE LAWS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY PRACTICE ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD TO ESTABLISH AND INCREASE CERTAIN FEES.*

Replaces the current North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act, GS Ch. 90, Art. 11. Defines the practice of veterinary medicine, and provides for its licensing by an eight-member NC Veterinary Medical Board. Expands provisions on unauthorized practice. Specifies board's powers and duties and rules for it to follow. Board licenses, regulates, and disciplines veterinarians and veterinary technicians. Fees to be collected by board include:

up to \$200 for administering an NC license examination, or for inspecting a veterinary facility, or for issuing or renewing a registration of a facility where veterinary medical services are delivered;

up to \$150 for registering a professional corporation, or for issuing or renewing a license, limited license, veterinary faculty certificate, veterinary zoo certificate, or temporary license;

up to \$100 for reinstating any expired license or certificate of registration;

up to \$50 for issuing or renewing a veterinary technician registration, or for a late fee for renewing a license, registration, or certificate;

fees reasonably related to costs for providing copies of public records upon request;

and the cost of securing and administering national examinations.

Adds provisions dealing with confidentiality of communications between veterinarian and client, and details rules for treating animals without owner's consent.

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