



CHAPTER 90

ARTICLE 11 - VETERINARIANS

N.C.G.S. § 90-187.10.

Necessity for license; certain practices exempted.

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No individual shall engage in the practice of veterinary medicine without having a veterinary license from the Board. No person, as defined in G.S. 90-181(5), may own a veterinary facility without having a veterinary facility permit from the Board.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit:

Any person from administering to food animals or to animals maintained for the production of food or fiber; administering first aid, not including surgical or invasive procedures, to companion animals in emergency situations; or administering routine disease prevention pharmaceuticals to companion animals; provided that the animals are owned by the person or the person's employer, except when the ownership is asserted for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this Article;

Any person who is a regular student or instructor in a legally chartered college from the performance of those duties and actions assigned as the person's responsibility in teaching or research;

Any veterinarian not licensed by the Board who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or who is an employee of the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Public Health Service or other federal agency, or the State of North Carolina, or political subdivision thereof, from performing official duties while so commissioned or employed;

Any person from such practices as permitted under the provisions of G.S. 90-185, House Bill 659, Chapter 17, Public Laws 1937, or House Bill 358, Chapter 5, Private Laws 1941;

Any person from dehorning or castrating male food animals;

Any person from providing for or assisting in the practice of artificial insemination;

Any physician licensed to practice medicine in this State, or the physician's assistant, while engaged in medical research;

Any certified rabies vaccinator appointed, certified and acting within the provisions of G.S. 130A-186;

Any veterinarian licensed to practice in another state from examining livestock or acting as a consultant in North Carolina, provided the consulting veterinarian is directly supervised by a veterinarian licensed by the Board who must, at or prior to the first instance of consulting, notify the Board, in writing, that he or she is supervising the consulting veterinarian, give the Board the name, address, and licensure status of the consulting veterinarian, and also verify to the Board that the supervising veterinarian assumes responsibility for the professional acts of the consulting veterinarian; and provided further, that the consultation by the veterinarian in North Carolina does not exceed 10 days or parts thereof per year, and further that all infectious or contagious diseases diagnosed are reported to the State Veterinarian within 48 hours; or

Any person employed by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as a livestock inspector or by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as an animal health technician from performing regular duties assigned to him or her during the course and scope of that person's employment.

Any farrier or person actively engaged in the activity or profession of shoeing hooved animals as long as his or her actions are limited to the art of shoeing hooved animals or trimming, clipping, or maintaining hooves.

Any person licensed pursuant to G.S. 19A-28 from operating a boarding kennel.

Emergency medical services personnel, as defined in G.S. 131E-155, except that individuals solely credentialed as emergency medical dispatchers shall not be considered emergency medical services personnel for purposes of this subdivision, who may provide emergency medical transport or emergency medical services to an injured K-9 police unit animal or an injured certified search and rescue dog deployed by or contracted to work with a federal, State, or local agency or department at the scene of an emergency.

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APPARATUS I
15 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1903	c. 503, s. 12	ENACTED
02	Rev.	s. 5438	RECODIFIED
03	C.S.	s. 6761	RECODIFIED
04	1961	c. 353, s. 9	AMENDED
05	1973	c. 1106, s. 1	AMENDED
06	1983	c. 891, s. 11	AMENDED
07	1993	c. 500, s. 16	AMENDED
08	1995	c. 509, s. 43	AMENDED
09	1997	S.L. 1997-261, s. 11	AMENDED
10	2011	S.L. 2011-183, s. 62	AMENDED
11	2017	S.L. 2017-10, s. 3.6	AMENDED
12	2017	S.L. 2017-146, s. 1	AMENDED
13	2019	S.L. 2019-170, ss. 2(a), 6(a)	AMENDED
14	2023	S.L. 2023-63, s. 4(e)	AMENDED
15	2025	S.L. 2025-42, s. 2(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
5 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 90-181(5)		<i>"Board. No person, as defined in"</i>
G.S. 90-185	(null)(4)	<i>"as permitted under the provisions of"</i>
G.S. 130A-186	(null)(8)	<i>"and acting within the provisions of"</i>
G.S. 19A-28	(null)(12)	<i>"Any person licensed pursuant to"</i>
G.S. 131E-155	(null)(13)	<i>"medical services personnel, as defined in"</i>

APPARATUS III

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FULL SECTION

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