

hundred fifty dollars for each appearance. The department of health services under the supervision of the board shall hold such examinations at least once each year at such places as it designates and at such other times and places as it determines.

§20-200. Issuance of license or temporary permit to persons licensed to practice in another state or territory

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-198, the Department of Public Health may issue a license by endorsement to any veterinarian of good professional character who is currently licensed and practicing in some other state or territory, having requirements for admission determined by the department to be at least equal to the requirements of this state, upon the payment of a fee of four hundred fifty dollars to said department. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-198, the department may, upon payment of a fee of four hundred fifty dollars, issue a license without examination to a currently practicing, competent veterinarian in another state or territory who (1) holds a current valid license in good professional standing issued after examination by another state or territory that maintains licensing standards which, except for examination, are commensurate with this state's standards, and (2) has worked continuously as a licensed veterinarian in an academic or clinical setting in another state or territory for a period of not less than five years immediately preceding the application for licensure without examination. No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant against whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint. The department shall inform the board annually of the number of applications it receives for licensure under this section.

(b) The Department of Public Health may issue a temporary permit to an applicant for licensure without examination upon receipt of a completed application form, accompanied by the fee for licensure without examination, a copy of a current license from another state of the United States, the District of Columbia or a commonwealth or territory subject to the laws of the United States, and a notarized affidavit attesting that the license is valid and belongs to the person requesting notarization. Such temporary permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty calendar days and shall not be renewable. The department shall not issue a temporary permit under this section to any applicant against whom professional disciplinary action is pending, or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint.

§20-201. Renewal of license.

Said department shall, annually in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88, issue to each licensed veterinarian in the state, presenting an application for renewal of his license accompanied by the professional services fee for class I, as defined in section 33-1821, a receipt stating the fact of such payment, which receipt shall be a license to follow such practice for one year.

§20-202. Disciplinary action; grounds.

After notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in the regulations established by the commissioner of health services, said board may take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 for any of the following causes: (1) The presentation to the board of

any diploma, license or certificate illegally or fraudulently obtained; (2) proof that the holder of such license or certificate has become unfit or incompetent or has been guilty of cruelty, unskillfulness or negligence towards animals and birds; (3) conviction of the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter by any court of criminal jurisdiction, provided no license or registration shall be revoked or suspended because of such conviction if an appeal to a higher court has been filed until such appeal has been determined by the higher court and the conviction sustained; (4) the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or the refusal to comply with any of said provisions; (5) the publication or circulation of any statement of a character tending to deceive or mislead the public; (6) the supplying of drugs, biologics, instruments or any substances or devices by which unqualified persons may practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry, except that such drugs, biologics, instruments, substances or devices may be supplied to a farmer for his own animals or birds; (7) fraudulent issue or use of any health certificate, vaccination certificate, test chart or other blank form used in the practice of veterinary medicine relating to the dissemination of animal disease, transportation of diseased animals or the sale of inedible products of animal origin for human consumption; (8) knowingly having professional association with, or knowingly employing any person who is unlawfully practicing veterinary medicine; (9) failure to keep veterinary premises and equipment in a clean and sanitary condition; (10) physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process; or (11) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals. A violation of any of the provisions of this chapter by any unlicensed employee in the practice of veterinary medicine, with the ledge of his employer, shall be deemed a violation thereof by his employer. The commissioner of health services may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford-New Britain* to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17.

* (NOTE: On and after September 1, 1998, the phrase "judicial district of Hartford" shall be substituted for "judicial district of Hartford-New Britain".)

§20-203. Appeal.

Any person aggrieved by a final decision of said board taken under section 19a-17, as amended, may appeal therefrom as provided in section 4-183, as amended. Such appeal shall be privileged.

§20-204. Charges against veterinarian.

Section 20-204 has been repealed.

§20-204a. Allegations of wrongdoing, investigation by department.

(a) The department shall investigate each allegation of any act or omission by a veterinarian specified in section 20-202. The investigation shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-14 to determine if probable cause exists to issue a statement of charges and to institute proceedings against the veterinarian. Such investigation shall be concluded not later than twelve months from the date the allegation is submitted to the department.

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Disclaimer:

“Lisa Taylor-Austin believes there was merit to her claims that Dr. Deforge negligently cared for her cat, Simba, and that he misrepresented whether he was a Board-certified dental specialist. Dr. Deforge denies these claims and asserts that the Department of Public Health’s veterinary board cleared him of any wrong doing. However, Dr Deforge agreed to pay \$7,500.00 to compensate Ms. Taylor-Austin because he believed the risks inherent in any lawsuit and the cost of missing two weeks from his practice made it imprudent to go to trial.”

Note: My guardian’s costs for my medical care and all legal avenues exceeded \$20,000.