

HOUSE BILL No. 2605

By Committee on Agriculture

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1 AN ACT concerning animal care; relating to the veterinary training
2 program for rural Kansas; establishing an advisory committee;
3 increasing the rural population requirement maximum; creating a food
4 animal percentage requirement in lieu of such rural population
5 requirement; amending K.S.A. 76-4,112 and repealing the existing
6 section.

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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 76-4,112 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-
10 4,112. (a) (1) There is hereby established the veterinary training program
11 for rural Kansas at the college of veterinary medicine at Kansas state
12 university ~~which~~. *The program shall be developed and implemented in*
13 *order to provide encouragement, opportunities and incentives for persons*
14 *pursuing a veterinary medicine degree program at Kansas state university*
15 *to locate their veterinary practice in rural Kansas communities and receive*
16 *specialized training targeted to meet the needs of livestock producers and*
17 *rural Kansas communities.*

18 (2) The program shall be administered by the college of veterinary
19 medicine at Kansas state university *in consultation with the advisory*
20 *committee established in paragraph (3).*

21 (3) (A) *There is hereby established an advisory committee that will*
22 *serve over the program to help select students, determine the needs of the*
23 *program and provide input to the college.*

24 (B) *The advisory committee shall consist of:*

25 (i) *Two representatives from the Kansas veterinary medical*
26 *association, including a member of the association's executive committee,*
27 *and one member who has received a scholarship under the program;*

28 (ii) *the animal health commissioner;*

29 (iii) *two members appointed by the Kansas department of*
30 *agriculture; and*

31 (iv) *two representatives from the college.*

32 (b) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, in accordance with
33 the provisions of this section, the college may enter into program
34 agreements with ~~up to five first-year~~ *up to five first-year* veterinary students ~~per year~~ *per year* who have
35 entered into a program agreement. Preference shall be given to those
36 students who are Kansas residents and who agree to serve in a county as

1 described in subsection (d)(3) ~~which is that has been~~ determined to be an
2 underserved area for the practice of veterinary medicine as determined by
3 the college.

4 (c) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, each student
5 entering into a program agreement under this section shall receive a loan
6 ~~in the an amount of \$20,000 not to exceed \$25,000~~ per year for not more
7 than four years for tuition, books, supplies and other school expenses, and
8 travel and training expenses incurred by the student in pursuing a
9 veterinary medicine degree. Upon satisfaction of all commitments under
10 the provisions of the agreement ~~and the provisions~~ of this section, the
11 loans provided pursuant to this section shall be deemed satisfied and
12 forgiven.

13 (d) Each program agreement shall require that the person receiving
14 the loan:

15 (1) Complete the veterinary medicine degree program at the college;

16 (2) complete:

17 (A) All *required* advanced training in public health, livestock
18 biosecurity, foreign animal disease diagnosis, regulatory veterinary
19 medicine and zoonotic disease;; and

20 (B) an externship and mentoring requirement with a licensed; *and*
21 accredited veterinarian in rural Kansas as required by the college;

22 (3) engage in the full-time practice of veterinary medicine:

23 (A) In any county in Kansas ~~which that~~ has a population not
24 exceeding ~~35,000~~ 40,000 *or a registered veterinary premises under a*
25 *licensed veterinarian if food animal patients make up at least 50% of such*
26 *veterinarian's practice* at the time the person entered into the program
27 agreement; *and*

28 (B) for a period of at least 12 continuous months for each separate
29 year a student receives a loan under the program, unless such obligation is
30 otherwise satisfied as provided in this section. ~~A program agreement~~
31 ~~whereby the person pursuant to such agreement is engaging in the full-~~
32 ~~time practice of veterinary medicine in a county that no longer meets the~~
33 ~~maximum population requirements provided in this subsection after the~~
34 ~~date that such program agreement was entered into by the college and the~~
35 ~~person shall continue in full force and effect subject to the other~~
36 ~~requirements contained in this section;~~

37 (4) commence such full-time practice of veterinary medicine within
38 90 days after completion of such person's degree program, or if such
39 person enters a post-degree training program such as a graduate school or
40 internship or residency program, within 90 days after completion of such
41 post-degree training program; and

42 (5) upon failure to satisfy the obligation to engage in the full-time
43 practice of veterinary medicine in accordance with the provisions of this

1 section, repay to the college, within 90 days of such failure, the amount
 2 equal to the amount loaned to such person less a prorated amount based on
 3 any such periods of practice of veterinary medicine meeting the
 4 requirements of this section, plus interest at the prime rate of interest plus
 5 2% from the date such loan accrued. Such interest shall be compounded
 6 annually.

7 (e) *If a person is engaging in the full-time practice of veterinary*
 8 *medicine pursuant to a program agreement in a county that no longer*
 9 *meets the population or food animal percentage requirement of such*
 10 *program agreement after the date that such program agreement was*
 11 *entered into by the college and such person, such program agreement*
 12 *shall continue in full force and effect subject to the other requirements of*
 13 *this section.*

14 (f) An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in
 15 accordance with the provisions of this section shall be postponed during:

16 (1) Any period of temporary medical disability during which the
 17 person obligated is unable to practice veterinary medicine due to such
 18 disability; and

19 (2) any other period of postponement agreed to or determined in
 20 accordance with criteria agreed to in the practice agreement.

21 ~~(g)~~(g) An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine
 22 in accordance with the provisions of the agreement and this section shall
 23 be satisfied:

24 (1) If the obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine
 25 in accordance with the agreement has been completed;

26 (2) if, because of permanent disability, the person obligated is unable
 27 to practice veterinary medicine; or

28 (3) the person obligated dies.

29 ~~(h)~~(h) The college may adopt additional provisions, requirements or
 30 conditions to participate in this program as are practicable and appropriate
 31 to accomplish the provisions of the program or may be required for the
 32 implementation or administration of the program, and, in any case, as are
 33 not inconsistent with the provisions of this section or the provisions of
 34 appropriation acts.

35 ~~(i)~~(i) As used in this section:

36 (1) "Animal" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 47-816, and
 37 amendments thereto;

38 (2) "advisory committee" means the committee established in
 39 subsection (a)(3);

40 (3) "college" means the college of veterinary medicine at Kansas state
 41 university;

42 ~~(2)~~(4) "food animal" means any animal that:

43 (A) Is raised for the production of an edible product intended for

1 *consumption by humans;*

2 *(B) is itself intended for consumption by humans; or*

3 *(C) provides a fiber product for human use;*

4 *(5) "program" means the veterinary training program for rural Kansas*
5 *established pursuant to this section; and*

6 *(3)(6) "program agreement" means an agreement to meet all the*
7 *obligations provided in this section by a person who is a first-year*
8 *veterinary student at the college; and that provides benefits to such person*
9 *as provided in this section.*

10 *(j) The dean of the college shall annually submit a report to the*
11 *senate committee on agriculture and natural resources and the house*
12 *committee on agriculture ~~and natural resources~~, or any successor*
13 *committee. Such annual report shall include details on the veterinary*
14 *training program for rural Kansas, the veterinary diagnostic laboratory, the*
15 *national bio and agro defense facility and other programs of the college.*

16 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 76-4,112 is hereby repealed.

17 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
18 publication in the statute book.