

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2023 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Regulated Industries

HB 719 — Practice of Veterinary Medicine

by Rep. Killebrew and others (SB 722 by Senator Burton)

The bill exempts a veterinarian who has an active license in good standing in another United States jurisdiction to perform, as an unpaid volunteer (exempted unpaid volunteer), dog and cat sterilization services, and routine preventative health services at the time of such sterilization services.

The exempted unpaid volunteer must be under the responsible supervision of a Florida-licensed veterinarian, which requires control, direction, and regulation by a licensed veterinarian of the veterinary services delegated to unlicensed personnel. The supervising licensed veterinarian is responsible for all acts performed by an exempted unpaid volunteer acting under such supervision.

An exempted unpaid volunteer, if not otherwise licensed as a veterinarian in Florida, is not eligible to apply for a premises permit for a permanent or mobile establishment in which veterinary services may be provided.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 106-0