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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to veterinary medicine; defining certain terms; changing certain  
1.3 requirements for provision of animal husbandry; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2006, sections 156.001, by adding subdivisions; 156.12, subdivision 1; repealing  
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.075.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.001, is amended by adding a  
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 3a. **Animal husbandry.** "Animal husbandry" means methods employed to  
1.10 keep domestic animals maintained and in good health including the provision of nutrition,  
1.11 housing, handling facilities, breeding, hygiene, sanitation, grooming, training, transport,  
1.12 preparation for contests, and management in times of civil disaster.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.14 to read:

1.15 Subd. 10a. **Teeth floating.** "Teeth floating" for horses and other equine animals  
1.16 means:

1.17 (1) removal of enamel points from teeth with handheld, nonmotorized,  
1.18 non-air-powered files or rasps;

1.19 (2) reestablishing normal molar table angles and freeing up lateral excursion and  
1.20 other normal movements of the mandible;

1.21 (3) shaping the lingual aspect of the lower arcades and the buccal aspect of the upper  
1.22 arcades to a rounded smooth surface; and

1.23 (4) removing points from the buccal aspect of the upper arcade and the lingual  
1.24 aspect of the lower arcade.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.2 Subdivision 1. **Practice.** (a) The practice of veterinary medicine, as used in this  
2.3 chapter, shall mean the diagnosis, treatment, correction, relief, or prevention of animal  
2.4 disease, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental conditions; the performance  
2.5 of obstetrical procedures for animals, including determination of pregnancy and correction  
2.6 of sterility or infertility; and the rendering of advice or recommendations with regard to  
2.7 any of the above. The practice of veterinary medicine shall include but not be limited to  
2.8 the prescription or administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application,  
2.9 anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique.

2.10 (b) The practice of veterinary medicine shall not be construed to include animal  
2.11 husbandry including the dehorning of cattle and goats or, the castration of cattle, swine,  
2.12 goats, and sheep, or the docking of sheep, artificial insemination, teeth floating, farriery,  
2.13 and animal chiropractic and massage.

2.14 Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

2.15 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.075, is repealed.