

## CHAPTER 2023-208

### House Bill No. 719

An act relating to the practice of veterinary medicine; amending s. 474.203, F.S.; exempting certain out-of-state veterinarians who provide specified services under the responsible supervision of a veterinarian licensed in this state from certain regulations governing veterinary medical practice; providing that the supervising licensed veterinarian is responsible for such services; specifying that such out-of-state veterinarians are ineligible for a premises permit; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section 474.203, Florida Statutes, to read:

474.203 Exemptions.—This chapter does not apply to:

(11) A veterinarian who holds an active license to practice veterinary medicine in another jurisdiction in the United States and is in good standing in such jurisdiction and who performs dog or cat sterilization services or routine preventative health services at the time of sterilization as an unpaid volunteer under the responsible supervision, as defined in s. 474.202, of a veterinarian licensed in this state. The supervising licensed veterinarian is responsible for all acts performed under this subsection by an out-of-state veterinarian acting under her or his responsible supervision. An out-of-state veterinarian practicing pursuant to this subsection is not eligible to apply for a premises permit under s. 474.215.

For the purposes of chapters 465 and 893, persons exempt pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (2), or subsection (4) are deemed to be duly licensed practitioners authorized by the laws of this state to prescribe drugs or medicinal supplies.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor June 9, 2023.

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