

Please Support SB-101 (*with HHS Committee Report*)
Animal Patient Care & Credentialed Veterinary Technicians
Sen. Kefalas/Rep. Ginal

Problem Statement

- 2000 credentialed veterinary technicians live and work in Colorado with no accountable nomenclature in statute to define and protect their titles, experience and education
- These titles are achieved through meeting rigorous sets of educational, clinical and professional standards, yet any individual in Colorado can use the titles
- Pet owners have little to no means of understanding or trusting nomenclature distinctions among non-veterinary personnel in the clinical setting when selecting care for their pets
- Precedent for misrepresentation of these titles already exists and has grown and will continue to grow as demand for these credentialed professionals continues to expand

Proposed Solution

- Create clear definitions for Certified Veterinary Technicians (CVT) and Veterinary Technician Specialists (VTS) under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act so there is clarity around these titles and accountability for their misuse/misrepresentation
- The industry wants self-regulation of the profession maintained in Colorado as it creates many benefits for the profession, for clients, and for patient care that are unique to Colorado; however lack of accountable nomenclature threatens the industry's ability to responsibly self-regulate the profession; SB-101 is a reasonable solution that will improve patient care of our pets

What the Bill Does (*with HHS Committee Report*)

- Clearly defines CVT and VTS and creates accountability to ensure that only those individuals who have met the standardized requirements for these titles are able to use these titles
- Protects hiring managers, veterinarians, patients and the public and offers the industry the tools it needs (clarity and accountability) to maintain self-regulation of this profession

Reasons to Support SB-101

- Provides the highest quality pet care by assisting pet owners to make informed decisions because they will understand who is handling their pet in a veterinary clinical setting; instills confidence in consumers who will understand that individuals who represent themselves as a CVT or VTS have met the defined standards and educational criteria
- Distinguishes the 2,000 professionals who have met rigorous standards of education, clinical competency and continued advancement in an ever-evolving, highly technical scientific field
- Creates clarity for hiring managers as to levels of training amongst non-veterinary personnel
- Allows for individuals to be disciplined who misrepresent their level of training and education within the veterinary profession under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act
- Allows the profession to continue to self-regulate and not be regulated by the state

Supported by the Colorado Association of Certified Veterinary Technicians (CACVT) and the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA); there is no opposition and no fiscal impact.