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SENATE BILL 14-101

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees
Health & Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF**
102 **CERTAIN VETERINARY TECHNICIAN TITLES AS A DECEPTIVE**
103 **TRADE PRACTICE UNDER THE "COLORADO CONSUMER**
104 **PROTECTION ACT".**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill establishes as a deceptive trade practice under the "Colorado Consumer Protection Act" the use of the titles "veterinary

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

technician", "certified veterinary technician", or "veterinary technician specialist" followed by a specialty designation, or the abbreviations for those titles if the person does not possess the specified education, has not passed the designated examination, or has not been certified in the designated specialty.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-1-707, **add** (1) (f)
3 as follows:

4 **6-1-707. Use of title or degree - deceptive trade practice.** (1) A
5 person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of such
6 person's business, vocation, or occupation, such person:

7 (f) CLAIMS EITHER ORALLY OR IN WRITING TO BE A:

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9 (I) "CERTIFIED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN" OR USES THE
10 ABBREVIATION "C.V.T." OR "CVT" TO INDICATE THAT THE PERSON IS A
11 CERTIFIED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN UNLESS THE PERSON HAS:

12 (A) GRADUATED FROM A PROGRAM IN VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY
13 THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL
14 ASSOCIATION OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION;

15 (B) PASSED A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN NATIONAL EXAMINATION
16 ADMINISTERED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY STATE
17 BOARDS OR ITS SUCCESSOR ENTITY; AND

18 (C) MAINTAINS GOOD STANDING AND OBTAINS APPROPRIATE
19 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE COLORADO
20 ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS OR ITS SUCCESSOR
21 ORGANIZATION; OR

22 (II) "VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SPECIALIST" OR USES THE
23 ABBREVIATION "V.T.S." OR "VTS", FOLLOWED BY A SPECIALTY

1 DESIGNATION, TO INDICATE THAT THE PERSON IS A CREDENTIALLED
2 VETERINARY TECHNICIAN WHO HAS COMPLETED A FORMAL PROCESS OF
3 EDUCATION, TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, AND TESTING TO QUALIFY FOR A
4 SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION THROUGH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
5 VETERINARY TECHNICIANS IN AMERICA OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION.

6 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
7 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
8 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
9 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a
10 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
11 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
12 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
13 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
14 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
15 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.