

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4726

April 28, 2021, Introduced by Rep. Meerman and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 18811a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 18811a. (1) During a qualified state of emergency or to  
2 respond to a large-scale animal cruelty case, the board may grant a  
3 license to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine or

1 practice as a veterinary technician for up to 90 days to an  
2 individual if all of the following requirements are met:

3 (a) The individual is authorized to engage in the practice of  
4 veterinary medicine or practice as a veterinary technician in  
5 another state that maintains licensing standards substantially  
6 equivalent to those of this state.

7 (b) The applicant has established that disciplinary  
8 proceedings before a similar licensure board of any other state are  
9 not pending against the applicant.

10 (c) The applicant has established that if sanctions have been  
11 imposed against the applicant by a similar licensure board of any  
12 other state, the sanctions are not in force at the time of  
13 application.

14 (d) The applicant agrees to not receive any direct or indirect  
15 payment or compensation for any services performed under the  
16 emergency license unless he or she is receiving the payment or  
17 compensation from this state, the federal government, or a  
18 nonprofit organization.

19 (2) The board shall grant a license within 48 to 72 hours of  
20 receiving a completed application under this section and shall not  
21 charge a fee for a license under this section.

22 (3) As used in this section, "qualified state of emergency"  
23 means a state of disaster or state of emergency declared under the  
24 emergency management act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.401 to 30.421, or  
25 1945 PA 302, MCL 10.31 to 10.33, that impacts animals.