

HR 2099

Wildlife VET Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. (Apr 26, 2019)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 12, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jun 12, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 26, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 17, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 4, 2019)

Wildlife Veterinarians Employment and Training Act or the Wildlife VET Act

This bill provides grants for veterinarian positions at wildlife or veterinary institutions and provides incentives for students to enroll in wildlife or zoological veterinary medicine programs.

Specifically, this bill authorizes the Department of the Interior to award grants to wildlife or veterinary institutions to create additional clinical and research positions for such veterinarians.

Interior must establish a program that pays the student loans of graduates and students of institutions that provide doctoral degrees in veterinary medicine or graduate degrees in veterinary medicine. Interior must also establish a program that awards scholarships to students enrolled in an accredited school or college of veterinary medicine. In exchange for the loan payment or scholarship, students must agree to serve for at least four consecutive years at a wildlife or veterinary institution as a wildlife or zoological veterinarian.

In addition, Interior must also (1) establish a pilot program to award grants to accredited schools and colleges of veterinary medicine to develop or improve new or existing curricula that specialize in wildlife or zoological veterinary medicine, and (2) award grants to eligible wildlife or veterinary institutions to establish or expand training programs that will enhance the ability of a trainee to practice as a wildlife or zoological veterinarian.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
- **Apr 17, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Apr 4, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 4, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E410)
- **Apr 4, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.