



2023-2024 General Assembly

# SENATE BILL 582: North Carolina Farm Act of 2023, Sec. 4: Amend Veterinary Medical Board Inspection Process and Give Veterinary Medical Board Responsibility for Performing Inspections of Boarding Kennels Operated by Veterinarians

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 4 of S.L. 2023-63

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## **OVERVIEW:** *Section 4 of S.L. 2023-63:*

- *Effective October 1, 2023, requires that the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) provide written notice of an upcoming inspection of a veterinary practice facility at least one week prior to the inspection. The written notice has to be accompanied by a checklist of all standards adopted by rule for which the inspector can issue a violation and, with as much specificity as possible, conditions that violate the standards. The veterinarian is authorized to contact the Board to reschedule the inspection, but the inspection must be rescheduled no later than one week after the originally scheduled date of the inspection.*
- *Effective 60 days after the Board adopts implementing rules, provides that the Board is responsible for the licensing and inspection of boarding kennels owned and operated by licensed veterinarians. This section also establishes a \$75 boarding kennel permit to be added to the veterinary facility permit fee. The Board must adopt rules to establish minimum standards for boarding kennels no later than July 1, 2024. These standards may be at least as stringent as those adopted by the Board of Agriculture for the regulation of boarding kennels.*

*This bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 23, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 27, 2023.*

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