

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023**

**SESSION LAW 2023-81
SENATE BILL 135**

AN ACT TO PREVENT PERSONS FROM USING A TITLE OR ABBREVIATION INDICATING THE QUALIFICATION AS A REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN REGISTERED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90-187.6 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-187.6. Veterinary technicians and staff.

(a) "Veterinary technicians" and "veterinary student interns," before performing any services otherwise prohibited to persons not licensed or registered under this Article, shall be approved by and registered with the Board. The Board shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the qualifications, registration, discipline, and revocation of registration of these persons, under this Article and rules issued by the Board.

(a1) No person shall use the title "registered veterinary technician" or the title "veterinary technician," the abbreviation "R.V.T.," or any other words, letters, or symbols, with the intent to represent that the person is authorized to act as a registered veterinary technician, unless that person is licensed by or registered with the Board as a registered veterinary technician in accordance with this Article.

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of June, 2023.

s/ Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved 12:55 p.m. this 7th day of July, 2023

