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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE - BPC

DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129] (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.)*

CHAPTER 11. Veterinary Medicine [4800 - 4920.8] (*Chapter 11 repealed and added by Stats. 1937, Ch. 933.)*

ARTICLE 6. Veterinary Corporations [4910 - 4917] (*Article 6 added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1578, Sec. 1.)*

[4910.](#) A veterinary corporation is a corporation that is authorized to render professional services, as defined in Section 13401 of the Corporations Code, so long as that corporation and its shareholders, officers, directors, and employees rendering professional services who are licensed veterinarians are in compliance with the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act (Part 4 (commencing with Section 13400) of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code), this article, and all other statutes and regulations pertaining to the corporation and the conduct of its affairs. With respect to a veterinary corporation, the governmental agency referred to in the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act is the board.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 497, Sec. 71. (SB 1526) Effective January 1, 2025.)

[4911.](#) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the name of a veterinary corporation and any name or names under which it renders professional services shall include the words "veterinary corporation" or wording or abbreviations denoting corporate existence.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1578, Sec. 1.)

[4912.](#) Except as provided in Section 13403 of the Corporations Code, each director, shareholder, and officer of a veterinary corporation shall be a licensed person as defined in Section 13401 of the Corporations Code.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1578, Sec. 1.)

[4913.](#) The income of a veterinary corporation attributable to professional services rendered while a shareholder is a disqualified person (as defined in Section 13401 of the Corporations Code) shall not in any manner accrue to the benefit of that shareholder or his or her shares in the veterinary corporation.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1578, Sec. 1.)

[4914.](#) A veterinary corporation shall not do or fail to do any act the doing of which or the failure to do which would constitute unprofessional conduct under any statute, rule, or regulation now or hereafter in effect. In the conduct of its practice, it shall observe and be bound by such statutes, rules and regulations to the same extent as a person holding a license under Section 4848.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1578, Sec. 1.)

[4915.](#) It shall constitute unprofessional conduct and a violation of this chapter, punishable as specified in Section 4831, for any person licensed under this chapter to violate, attempt to violate, directly or indirectly, or assist in or abet the violation of, or conspire to violate, the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act (Part 4 (commencing with Section 13400), of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code), this article, or any regulation adopted pursuant to those provisions.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1578, Sec. 1.)

[4916.](#) The board may formulate and enforce rules and regulations to carry out the purposes and the objectives of this article, including rules and regulations requiring (1) that the articles of incorporation or bylaws of a veterinary corporation shall include a provision whereby the capital stock of the corporation owned by a disqualified person (as defined in Section 13401 of the Corporations Code), or a deceased person, shall be sold to the corporation or to the remaining shareholders of the corporation within such time as such rules and regulations may provide, and (2) that a veterinary corporation shall provide adequate security by insurance or otherwise for claims against it by its patients arising out of the rendering of professional services.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1578, Sec. 1.)

4917. Nothing in this article requires an applicant for or a holder of a certificate of registration of veterinary premises described in Section 4853 to be a veterinary corporation.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1578, Sec. 1.)