

## MVPA Exemptions By State

With this chart, easily find a summary of each state's exemptions — including farriery — to the definition of veterinary medicine from the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) Model Veterinary Practice Act (MVPA).

State	Included In The Practice Of Veterinary Medicine	Exemptions
<b>Alabama</b>	Acupuncture Dentistry Animal psychology Animal chiropractic Theriogenology Surgery (including cosmetic) Any manual, mechanical, biological or chemical procedure for testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility Removing embryo to cryopreserve, transplant or implant	Animal massage by a massage therapist under the direction of a licensed veterinarian Removing embryo to cryopreserve, transplant or implant (Animal owner or his regular employee)
<b>Alaska</b>	Dentistry Any manual, mechanical, biological or chemical procedure for testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility	Artificial insemination Farrier Routine Farming or Animal Husbandry (Performed by Animal owner or employee)
<b>Arizona</b>	Veterinary surgery Obstetrics Dentistry Acupuncture Manipulation All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine	Treating an animal with no compensation (Animal owner or employee) Certified equine dental practitioners under the general supervision of a licensed veterinarian
<b>Arkansas</b>	Acupuncture Dentistry Animal psychology Animal Chiropractic Theriogenology Veterinary surgery (including cosmetic) Any manual, mechanical, biological or chemical	Routine accepted livestock management practices without compensation Livestock embryo transfer or transplant Livestock pregnancy determination Animal owner or employee Horseshoeing Training

	<p>procedure for testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility</p> <p>All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine</p>	<p>Selling medicines for the treatment of animal diseases</p> <p>Collecting, preparing or freezing semen</p> <p>Nonsurgical artificial insemination</p> <p>Animal chiropractic under the immediate supervision of an Arkansas licensed veterinarian</p>
<b>California</b>	<p>Surgical or dental operations</p> <p>Performs any manual procedure for the diagnosis of pregnancy, sterility or infertility upon livestock or Equidae</p>	<p>Any person may utilize cotton swabs, gauze, dental floss, dentifrice or toothbrushes on an animal's teeth</p> <p>Animal Chiropractic by a licensed chiropractor under the direct supervision of a veterinarian</p> <p>Gratuitous assistance to owner</p> <p>Animal owner or employee</p> <p>Determination as to status of pregnancy, sterility, infertility of livestock, equine, food animals at time of insemination, if free of charge</p>
<b>Colorado</b>	<p>Artificial insemination</p> <p>Ova transplantation</p> <p>Pregnancy Testing</p> <p>Correcting sterility or infertility</p> <p>Veterinary Surgery</p> <p>Obstetrics</p> <p>Dentistry (does not include certain teeth cleaning or preventative dental procedures)</p> <p>Transrectal procedures, embryo transfer, uterine lavages and reproductive procedures</p>	<p>Accepted livestock management practices</p> <p>Animal owner or employee</p> <p>Animal massage — any person may perform massage on an animal if the person does not prescribe drugs, perform surgery or diagnose medical conditions and has earned a degree or certificate in animal massage from an approved school</p> <p>Animal Chiropractic — a licensed chiropractor may perform animal chiropractic when such chiropractic diagnosis and treatment is consistent with the scope of practice for chiropractors and the animal has been provided a veterinary medical clearance by a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Physical therapy — a licensed physical therapist may perform physical therapy on an animal with proper training and with veterinary medical clearance</p> <p>Any person may assist in a surgical procedure under the immediate supervision of a licensed veterinarian,</p>

		<p>who is responsible for the person's performance</p> <p>The practice of dentistry may be delegated to veterinary personnel under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p>
<b>Connecticut</b>	<p>Surgery</p> <p>Animal dentistry</p>	<p>Euthanizing of animals in accordance with applicable state and federal drug laws by the Connecticut Humane Society</p> <p>Teeth floating</p>
<b>Delaware</b>	<p>For testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility</p> <p>Veterinary Surgery</p> <p>Obstetrics</p> <p>Dentistry</p> <p>All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine</p>	<p>Accepted livestock management practices</p> <p>Animal owner or employee</p> <p>Support activities under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p>
<b>District of Columbia</b>	<p>Surgery</p> <p>Dentistry</p>	<p>An employee or agent of the federal or District government while performing his or her official duties provided that a person exempt under this paragraph shall not perform surgical operations</p>
<b>Florida</b>	<p>Performing any manual procedure for the diagnosis of or treatment for pregnancy or fertility or infertility of animals</p> <p>Surgery</p> <p>Acupuncture</p> <p>Obstetrics</p> <p>Dentistry</p> <p>Physical therapy</p> <p>Radiology</p> <p>Therigenology</p> <p>Other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine</p>	<p>Animal owner or employee</p> <p>Part-time or temporary basis hires, or independent contractors, hired by an owner to assist with herd management and animal husbandry tasks for herd and flock animals, including castration, dehorning, parasite control and debeaking, or a person hired on a part-time or temporary basis, or as an independent contractor, by an owner to provide farriery and manual hand floating of teeth on equines</p> <p>Out-of-state veterinarians practicing temporarily in the state</p>
<b>Georgia</b>	<p>Acupuncture</p> <p>Dentistry</p> <p>Manual or mechanical adjustment procedures</p> <p>Physical therapy</p>	<p>Teeth cleaning</p> <p>Acceptable livestock management practices</p> <p>Pregnancy Testing</p> <p>Implanting electronic identification</p>

	<p>Veterinary Surgery  Diagnostic veterinary pathology  Any manual, mechanical, biological or chemical procedure for testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility  Obstetrics  All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine</p>	<p>devices in small companion animals  Artificial insemination  Animal owner or employee  Non-surgical embryo removal  Testing and evaluation of semen  Soft tissue animal massage or other forms of soft tissue animal manipulation  Any other licensed or registered health care provider utilizing his or her special skills so long as the treatment of the animal is under the direction of a licensed veterinarian with a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship  Aquaculture or raniculture management practices  Farriery</p>
<b>Hawaii</b>	<p>Surgery  Dentistry</p>	<p>Animal owner or employee  Farmers assisting each other with husbandry practices</p>
<b>Idaho</b>	<p>Surgery  Dentistry  Obstetrics  All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine  Artificial insemination  Pregnancy Testing  Fertility Evaluation  Embryo Transplant  Fresh Semen Grading</p>	<p>Farmer, rancher or feedlot operator and employees  Animal owner or employee  Artificial insemination of domestic animals  Horseshoeing or hoof trimming  Teeth cleaning  Allied health professional participating in procedure within his/her scope of practice and under direct supervision of actively licensed veterinarian</p>
<b>Illinois</b>	<p>Complementary, alternative or integrative veterinary medical procedures including:  Chiropractic  Physical therapy  Animal acupuncture  Animal acuthery  Animal acupressure  Veterinary homeopathy  Veterinary nutraceutical therapy  Veterinary phytotherapy  Dentistry</p>	<p>Animal owner or employee  Livestock Management Practices  Member in good standing of another licensed or regulated profession acting with informed consent from the client and under direct or indirect supervision and control of a veterinarian  An individual providing equine dentistry services requested by a veterinarian, an owner or an owner's agent</p>

	Any manual or mechanical procedure for reproductive management, including the diagnosis or treatment of pregnancy, sterility or infertility	
<b>Indiana</b>	Surgical or dental operation Complimentary or alternative therapy Pregnancy, Sterility or Infertility Diagnosis Chiropractic Acupuncture	Equine massage therapy Animal owner or regular employee Non-veterinarian licensed professionals can practice on animals when asked by a veterinarian and within a valid VCPR, with direct or indirect contact with veterinarian
<b>Iowa</b>	Veterinary surgery Veterinary obstetrics Veterinary dentistry, All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine Evaluate or correct sterility or infertility	Accepted livestock practices Artificial insemination Horseshoeing and trimming feet Animal owner or employee
<b>Kansas</b>	Acupuncture Surgical or dental operations Cosmetic Surgery Animal psychology Animal chiropractic Theriogenology Any manual, mechanical, biological or chemical procedure for testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility All other branches of veterinary medicine	Animal owner or regular employee Independent contractor under direct or indirect supervision of veterinarian as specified by regulation
<b>Kentucky</b>	Any manual or mechanical procedure for testing for pregnancy, or for correcting sterility or infertility Veterinary Surgery Obstetrics Embryo Transfer Dentistry Acupuncture Laser therapy Manipulation All other branches or	Animal owner or regular employee Castration and dehorning of farm animals Trainer, agent or herdsman in context of veterinary-patient relationship Embryo transfers from any person who holds a postgraduate degree in reproductive physiology or a related field, and who has performed embryo transfers in Kentucky during the five (5) years immediately preceding July 14, 1992

	specialties of veterinary medicine	
<b>Louisiana</b>	<p>Veterinary surgery  Obstetrics  Dentistry  All other branches of veterinary medicine  The use of any manual or mechanical procedure for testing for pregnancy, or for correcting sterility or infertility</p>	<p>Accepted livestock management practices  Artificial insemination  Nonsurgical impregnation of farm animals with frozen embryos  Animal owner or regular employee  Equine dentistry  Alternative and collaborative therapy with veterinary supervision.  Alternative and collaborative therapy includes: ultrasonography, magnetic field therapy, holistic medicine, homeopathy, animal chiropractic treatment, animal acupuncture, animal physical therapy, animal massage therapy, laser therapy, ophthalmology, cardiology, neurology, radiology and oncology</p>
<b>Maine</b>	<p>Acupuncture  Dentistry  Homeopathic procedures  Chiropractic procedures  Physical or massage therapy  Surgery including elective surgery  Any manual, mechanical, biological or chemical procedure used for pregnancy testing or correcting sterility or infertility  Obstetrics  All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine</p>	<p>Accepted livestock practices  Owner or animal caretaker  Commercially performed artificial insemination  Horseshoeing and trimming feet</p>
<b>Maryland</b>	<p>Surgery, including cosmetic surgery  Dentistry  Any manual procedure upon an animal for the diagnosis or treatment of sterility or infertility of the animal</p>	<p>Accepted livestock management practices  A farrier or a person actively engaged in the art or profession of horseshoeing as long as his actions are limited to the art of horseshoeing or trimming and maintaining horse hooves;  Teeth floating/cleaning</p>

		Acupuncture under the supervision of a veterinarian Animal owner
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Surgery Diagnosis	Animal Owner or employee Accepted livestock management practices Veterinary or surgical works The giving of advice to a neighbor by a person who does not hold himself out as a veterinarian or receive compensation
<b>Michigan</b>	Surgery Diagnosis	Animal owner Licensed chiropractor with veterinary supervision
<b>Minnesota</b>	Surgery Obstetrics Pathology Radiology Dentistry Ophthalmology Cardiology Dermatology Laboratory animal medicine, All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine Determination of pregnancy and correction of sterility or infertility	Dehorning cattle and goats Castration of cattle, swine, goats and sheep Docking sheep Animal owner or regular employee Chiropractic care by registered chiropractors when referred by a veterinarian and using a separate space to treat animals Equine teeth floating Farriery — Licenses for are issued by the racing authority pursuant to rule — not mentioned outside of racing
<b>Mississippi</b>	Complementary, alternative and integrative therapies including: Acupuncture Acupuncture Acupressure Homeopathy Osteopathy Chiropractic Physical therapy Nutraceutical therapy Phytotherapy All branches and specialties included within the practice of veterinary medicine Diagnose pregnancy in cattle or other livestock	A licensed chiropractor may manipulate/adjust animals under the direct supervision of a licensed Mississippi doctor of veterinary medicine Accepted livestock management practices approved by the Board Assistance of another licensed professional requested by veterinarian and under his/her direct or indirect supervision Horseshoeing Animal Owner or employee

<p><b>Missouri</b></p>	<p>Acupuncture Dentistry Animal Psychology Animal Chiropractic Theriogenology Surgery, General and Cosmetic Any manual, mechanical, biological or chemical procedure for testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility Embryo Transfer/Transplant</p>	<p>Animal owner or employee</p>
<p><b>Montana</b></p>	<p>Performs a manual or laboratory procedure on livestock for the diagnosis of pregnancy, sterility, or infertility for remuneration or hire Acupuncture Ova or Embryo Transfer Dentistry</p>	<p>Pregnancy testing by animal owner/agent or performed gratuitously Accepted livestock management practices Castrating or dehorning of cattle, sheep, horses, and swine Nonsurgical embryo transfers in bovines may be performed under the supervision of a veterinarian Owner of farm animals or owner's employee</p>
<p><b>Nebraska</b></p>	<p>The use of any manual or mechanical procedure for testing for pregnancy or fertility or for correcting sterility or infertility Veterinary Surgery</p>	<p>Animal Therapy — by a licensed animal therapist with a letter of referral from a licensed veterinarian Owner of livestock or a bona fide farm or ranch employee may perform retrievable embryo transplantation on a bovine including recovering, freezing, and transferring embryos, any act of vaccination, surgery, pregnancy testing or the administration of drugs in the treatment of domestic animals under his or her custody or ownership Dehorning or castrating livestock, not to include Equidae Retrievable transplantation of embryos on bovine, including recovering, freezing, and transferring, if the procedure is performed by a person who holds a doctorate degree in animal science with an emphasis in</p>



		reproductive physiology and can show proof of valid professional liability insurance
<b>Nevada</b>	Embryo Collection Testing for Pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility Acupuncture Dentistry Chiropractic procedures Surgery, including cosmetic surgery	To the gratuitous castrating, dehorning or vaccinating of domesticated animals nor to the gratuitous treatment of diseased animals by friends or neighbors of the owner thereof, except that all vaccinations for zoonotic diseases must be administered by a licensed veterinarian or a person under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian Accepted livestock management practices Animal Owner or Employee Animal chiropractor or physical therapist with certification under direction of veterinarian Teeth Cleaning
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Veterinary Surgery Obstetrics Dentistry All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine The use of any manual or mechanical procedure for testing for pregnancy, or for correcting sterility or infertility Acupuncture Surgical embryo transfers	<i>Physical Therapy:</i> The Board of Veterinary Medicine has jurisdiction over physical therapists practicing on animals. A physical therapist may be certified by the Board to perform animal physical therapy. In order to treat an animal, he or she must receive a referral from a licensed veterinarian. An animal physical therapist treating an animal shall provide to the referring veterinarian: (1) a written evaluation within 7 days after initial evaluation; (2) any additional progress notes every 30 days; and (3) notice of discharge or termination of treatment Accepted livestock management practices Animal owner or employee Equine Farrier Services Bovine Hoof Trimming Equine Massage Equine filing/floating
<b>New Jersey</b>	Embryo transfer Surgery	Animal Owner Artificial insemination

	Dentistry	
<b>New Mexico</b>	<p>The use of any procedure for artificial insemination, testing for pregnancy, diagnosing and treating sterility or infertility</p> <p>Veterinary Surgery</p> <p>Obstetrics</p> <p>All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine</p> <p>Dentistry</p> <p>Chiropractic</p> <p>Physical therapy</p> <p>Acupuncture</p> <p>Acupressure</p> <p>Homeopathy</p> <p>Therapeutic Massage</p> <p>Embryo transfer</p>	<p>Preventive veterinary dental procedures including but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, polishing of tooth surfaces or floating or dressing of equine teeth, shall be performed only by licensed veterinarians or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.</p> <p>Teeth Cleaning</p> <p>Accepted livestock management practices</p> <p>Owner or employee</p> <p>Veterinary technicians or persons holding or training for valid permits for artificial insemination or diagnosing pregnancy</p> <p>Chiropractic, physical therapy, acupuncture, acupressure and embryo transfer under the direct supervision of licensed veterinarian</p>
<b>New York</b>	<p>Veterinary Surgery</p> <p>Dental conditions</p> <p>Subcutaneous insertion of a microchip intended to be used to identify an animal</p>	<p>Floating of equine teeth</p> <p>Licensed dentist under direct veterinary supervision</p>
<b>North Carolina</b>	<p>Veterinary Surgery</p> <p>Obstetrics</p> <p>Dentistry</p> <p>All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine</p>	<p>Animal Owner or employee</p> <p>Dehorn or castrate food animals</p> <p>Providing for or assistance in the practice of artificial insemination</p> <p>Farrier or person actively engaged in the activity or profession of shoeing hooved animals as long as his or her actions are limited to the art of shoeing hooved animals or trimming, clipping or maintaining hooves</p>
<b>North Dakota</b>	<p>The use of any manual or mechanical procedure for testing for pregnancy, or for correcting sterility or infertility</p> <p>Veterinary Surgery</p> <p>Obstetrics</p> <p>Dentistry</p> <p>Chiropractic</p>	<p>Livestock owner and employees</p> <p>Embryo transfers on cows</p> <p>Animal owner</p>

	<p>Acupuncture All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine</p>	
<b>Ohio</b>	<p>Surgery Dentistry Complementary alternative and integrative therapies Surgical Embryo transfer</p>	<p>Non-surgical embryo transfer by animal owner or owner's designee under direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian Animal Owner Accepted Livestock Management Practices including: Acts of tagging, ear notching, hoof trimming, deworming, branding, artificial insemination, including semen collection, preparation and freezing. Owner's agent may perform with the advice and consent of a licensed veterinarian who has provided training and oversight consistent with standard herd management practices: castration, tail docking, non-surgical dehorning, intravenous fluid administration, pregnancy detection other than by rectal technique, medication and biological administration, except for those prohibited by law and phlebotomy.</p>
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<p>Surgery Animal Chiropractic Dentistry Testing for pregnancy or correcting sterility or enhancing fertility Complementary and alternative therapies including: Physical therapy Massage therapy Osteopathic therapy Energy therapies Ayurveda Aromatherapy Flower remedy therapy Holistic medicine Homeopathy Nutritional therapy Phytotherapy</p>	<p>Complimentary and alternative medicine may be performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian Licensed chiropractors certified by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners may engage in animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment — which includes vertebral subluxation complex and spinal manipulation Non-certified chiropractors may provide chiropractic treatment including vertebral subluxation complex and spinal manipulation to an animal referred by a licensed veterinarian All chiropractic physicians certified by the Board in the practice of animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment</p>

		<p>shall be issued a certification card, and must carry the certification card with them at all times.</p> <p>Animal husbandry, dehorning, branding, tagging or notching ears, teeth floating, farriery, pregnancy checking, collecting semen, preparing semen, freezing semen, castrating, worming, vaccinating, injecting or artificial insemination of farm animals or the acts or conduct of a person advising with respect to nutrition, feeds or feeding</p> <p>Animal owner or employee</p> <p>Individuals certified in animal massage therapy who acquire liability insurance may engage in animal massage therapy after referral from a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Non-veterinary equine dental care (if provider is certified)</p> <p>The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners can certify an individual as a non-veterinary reproductive services technician beginning November 1, 2011</p>
<b>Oregon</b>	<p>Surgery</p> <p>Dental</p> <p>Embryo transfer or pregnancy, sterility or fertility evaluation</p>	<p>Animal owner or agent or employee may perform veterinary medicine and surgery or dentistry — as well as dehorning and vaccinating cattle</p> <p>Allied health professionals upon referral from a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Physical therapy with a referral</p> <p>Preventive veterinary dental procedures including, but not limited to, the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains, or the smoothing, filing or polishing of tooth surfaces shall be performed only by licensed veterinarians, certified veterinary technicians or veterinary assistants under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Teeth Cleaning</p>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<p>Surgery, including cosmetic surgery</p>	<p>Embryo transplantation when performed by an animal owner or his</p>

	<p>Dental Any manual procedure upon an animal for the diagnosis or treatment of sterility or infertility of animals Veterinary pathology Implanting microchips as determined by the Board Embryo transfer</p>	<p>or her employee or when any person independently, with indirect veterinary supervision, implants any embryo into an animal Animal owner or employee or agent Normal husbandry practices on bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine or equine animals or avian Farriery Chiropractic, dental, dental hygiene and physical therapy procedures performed upon animals by licensed individuals in conjunction with the practice of veterinary medicine and under the direct supervision of a veterinarian Grooming services</p>
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<p>Dentistry Surgery</p>	<p>Accepted Livestock Management and Animal Husbandry Practices</p>
<b>South Carolina</b>	<p>Surgery, including cosmetic surgery Perform a manual procedure for the diagnosis or treatment for sterility or infertility of an animal Embryo transplants Obstetrics All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine Therapeutic options or alternate therapies including: Acupuncture Manipulation and adjustment Magnetic field therapy Holistic medicine Homeopathy Herbology/naturopathy Massage Physical therapy</p>	<p>Animal owner or regular employee Artificial insemination Veterinarians may delegate the performance of procedures, therapeutic options and alternate therapies, under certain conditions Floating Teeth</p>
<b>South Dakota</b>	<p>Surgery Manipulation Any branches of the practice of veterinary medicine</p>	<p>Livestock owner or employee or free service Veterinary livestock assistants registered by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners who work under the supervision of a</p>

		veterinarian licensed in the State of South Dakota to perform spaying of cattle and administration of biologics and pharmaceuticals under the order of their supervising veterinarians
<b>Tennessee</b>	<p>Surgery, including cosmetic</p> <p>Complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies</p> <p>Any manual, mechanical, biological, or chemical procedure for the testing of pregnancy, or for the management or treatment of sterility or infertility</p> <p>Obstetrics</p> <p>Dentistry</p> <p>All other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine</p> <p>Acupuncture</p> <p>Chiropractic therapy</p> <p>Laser therapy</p> <p>Rehabilitative therapy</p> <p>Ultrasound</p>	<p>Embryo transfer from person's own food animal</p> <p>Animal owner or regular employee</p> <p>Castration</p> <p>Dehorning</p> <p>Accepted livestock management practices as defined by rule</p> <p>Manual procedure for testing of pregnancy in bovines by farmers not compensated and results are for owner's use only</p> <p>Artificial insemination of livestock</p> <p>Massage therapy (section expires 7/2018)</p> <p>Teeth floating using non-motorized equipment by employee of veterinarian under certain conditions</p>
<b>Texas</b>	<p>Dentistry</p> <p>Surgery</p> <p>Reproduction and obstetrics</p> <p>Ophthalmology</p> <p>Dermatology</p> <p>Cardiology</p> <p>Any other discipline or specialty of veterinary medicine</p> <p>Acupuncture</p> <p>Homeopathy</p> <p>Embryo Transfer</p>	<p>Musculoskeletal manipulation and chiropractic may be practiced under the supervision of a veterinarian</p> <p>Animal owner or agent</p> <p>Accepted livestock management practices approved by the Board</p> <p>Castration, docking, Dehorning</p> <p>Artificially inseminating livestock</p> <p>Shoeing a Horse</p> <p>Equine dentistry may be performed by a licensed equine dental provider</p> <p>Teeth Cleaning</p>
<b>Utah</b>	<p>Surgery</p> <p>Dentistry</p>	<p>Implantation of any electronic device for the purpose of establishing or maintaining positive identification of animals</p> <p>Animal owner or employee</p> <p>Vaccination of poultry</p> <p>Pullorum testing</p> <p>Typhoid testing of poultry</p>

		<p>Related poultry disease control activity</p> <p>Nonsurgical bovine artificial insemination</p> <p>Certified licensed chiropractor with veterinary referral</p> <p>Certified licensed physical therapist with veterinary referral</p> <p>Certified licensed massage therapist with veterinary referral</p> <p>Certified licensed acupuncturist with veterinary referral</p>
<b>Vermont</b>	<p>Surgery</p> <p>Any manual or mechanical procedure for testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility, or infertility</p> <p>Dental operations</p>	<p>Teeth Cleaning</p> <p>Animal owner or regular employee</p> <p>Accepted livestock management practices and animal husbandry practices such as:</p> <p>Artificial insemination</p> <p>Dehorning</p> <p>Clipping and shoeing animals</p> <p>Trimming feet and use of handheld files, rasps or other devices to remove overgrowth from the teeth of horses (floating) but not including power-assisted filing or power-assisted floating, the extraction of teeth or other procedures that invade the soft tissue of the mouth</p>
<b>Virginia</b>	<p>Surgery</p> <p>Dentistry</p> <p>Embryo transfer</p> <p>Testing for Pregnancy</p> <p>Correcting Sterility or Infertility</p>	<p>Animal owner or employee</p> <p>Registered equine dental technicians under regulation of the Board of Veterinary Medicine with veterinary supervision in some circumstances</p> <p>Massage therapy or physical therapy may be delegated by a veterinarian to persons qualified by training and experience by an order from the veterinarian</p> <p>Persons permitted or authorized by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries may provide care for wildlife</p> <p>Animal owner or employee</p>
<b>Washington</b>	<p>Surgery</p> <p>Dentistry</p> <p>Any manual procedure for the</p>	<p>Animal owner or employee</p> <p>Castrating and dehorning of cattle, castrating and docking of sheep,</p>

	diagnosis of pregnancy, sterility or infertility upon livestock Implementation of microchip	castrating of swine, caponizing of poultry or artificial insemination of animals Owner assisted in practice gratuitously Certified animal massage therapists
<b>West Virginia</b>	Surgery Dentistry	Dental operations by a licensed veterinarian or veterinary assistant under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian Accepted livestock management practices Animal owner or employee
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Surgery	Artificial insemination Pregnancy examinations of animals if engaged in prior to 2/11/1968 Castrating male livestock including bovine animals, sheep, goats, swine, farm-raised deer and equine animals Dehorning or branding
<b>Wyoming</b>	Surgery, including cosmetic Dentistry Physiologically examine or to correct sterility or infertility	Animal owner or employee Persons approved by the Board to perform artificial insemination, or embryo transplant or nonsurgical embryo transfer on animals, excepting dogs and cats

Source: Staff Research, [AVMA Division of State Advocacy & Leadership](#). The AVMA [advises](#) that for a complete view of the act and its exemptions in a given state, interested parties should consult full texts of the statutes and regulations, states' veterinary medical associations or a well-versed attorney.