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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 The Honorable Larry A. Martin
Representative
District No. 4
Blatt Building—Room 418
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Representative Martin:

You recently have asked the opinion of this Office on whether the provisions of the 1981 bill designated as H.2213 preclude anyone other than an animal health technician from working for a veterinarian, and whether the provisions would prohibit 'serium dealers' from administering shots and medications to animals or farmers doing the same with their own animals.

H.2213 does not contain any provisions that preclude persons other than animal health technicians from working for veterinarians. The law simply provides for the certification of persons who meet the qualifications set forth in the bill and who wish to work as animal health technicians as defined in the bill. See Sections 40-69-410(1), 40-69-430(A), 40-69-520.

H.2213 does not contain any provisions that would prohibit 'serium dealers'¹ from administering shots and medications to animals. Nor does it contain any provisions that would prohibit farmers from administering shots and medication to their own animals. However, the statutes regulating the practice of veterinary medicine would prohibit the aforementioned activities by a 'serium dealer.' [Sections 40-69-10](#), 80, 200, 210, 220, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

Based on the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the 1981 bill designated as H.2213 would not prohibit persons other than animal health technicians from working for veterinarians, farmers from administering shots or medication to their own animals, or 'serium dealers' from administering shots or medication to animals. However, the statutes regulating the practice of veterinary medicine prohibit 'serium dealers' from administering shots or medication to animals.

Sincerely,

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Footnotes

¹ By this term, I assume you mean persons selling veterinary drugs, medicine and related products.

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