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Honorable Harley Sadler, Chairman  
Livestock and Stock Raising Committee,  
House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

Opinion No. O-6452  
Re: Construction of Art. 7452,  
R. C. S., 1925, relating to  
exceptions in favor of veterinarians  
registering under prior act.

You have requested the opinion of this Department as to whether one having two years in a recognized school of veterinary medicine and five years of actual practice as a veterinarian prior to the year 1911, may register as a veterinarian under the provisions of Title 127, Arts. 7448-7465, inclusive, R. C. S., 1925.

Article 7451 prohibits the practice of veterinary medicine by any person who has not complied with the provisions of Title 127 and who has not registered with the district clerk of the county of his residence. Art. 7452 sets out certain exceptions to Art. 7451, among which is the provision that one "heretofore registered as a veterinary surgeon in the county of his residence according to the provisions of Chapter 76 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature who had previous to the year 1911 practiced veterinary medicine or veterinary surgery as his principal occupation for five years in the State of Texas prior to the year 1911" should not be prohibited "from practicing in the county of his residence only" upon securing a "non graduate" license from the Board. The Article further provides that, "It shall be unlawful for any person to register under the five year practicing clause of this Article, but the object of this provision is to permit persons who have heretofore lawfully registered to continue practicing under the five year clause." (Underlining ours)

In view of the express language of the above quoted statute we think it clear that no new registration of a veterinarian is authorized thereby because of his former practice or education - the statute merely authorized his continued practice by reason of a prior lawful registration and under the limited conditions of a "non graduate" certificate.

It is sincerely hoped that our views on this matter will be of assistance to you.

Yours very truly

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APPROVED MARCH 9, 1945  
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APPROVED OPINION COMMITTEE  
By Ewb Chairman