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I oppose this measure as there is an inadequate description of how these individuals will be trained and/or proof to the public of their ability to perform these tasks safely and with animal welfare in mind. Current standards of practice require horses to be sedated, generally with intravenous medications, for a dental exam and float. If individuals who are not veterinarians are performing these treatments they would not be able to sedate horses for this procedure which would be detrimental to horse welfare. If these individuals are utilizing sedation they would still be practicing veterinary medicine without a license. Further clarification and establishment of guidelines which protect the public and animal health are necessary.