**Information Notice**

**Act Title** **Veterinary Practice Act 1997**

**Information Title:** **Retrospective Commencement**

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The amendments made to sections 3, 6(2)(b), 25(c), 31(1)(c) and 46(1)(a)(iii) of the **Veterinary Practice Act 1997** by section 49 of the **Severe Substance Dependence Treatment Act 2010**, No. 43/2010 came into operation on 1 March 2011.

Section 49 reads as follows:

49 Veterinary Practice Act 1997

(1) In section 3(1) of the **Veterinary Practice Act 1997**—

(a) the definitions of ***alcoholic*** and ***drug-dependent person*** are **repealed**;

(b) **insert** the following definition—

"***severe substance dependence*** has the same meaning as in section 5 of the **Severe Substance Dependence Treatment Act 2010**;".

(2) In sections 6(2)(b), 25(c), 31(1)(c) and 46(1)(a)(iii) of the **Veterinary Practice Act 1997** for "is an alcoholic or a drug-dependent person" **substitute** "has a severe substance dependence".

Section 49 of the **Severe Substance Dependence Treatment Act 2010**, No. 43/2010 was amended by section 3(Schedule 1 items 86.2, 86.3) of the **Statute Law Revision Act 2011**, No. 29/2011. Schedule 1 items 86.2, 86.3 are deemed to have come into operation on 10 August 2010.  
Schedule 1 items 86.2, 86.3 read as follows:

86 Severe Substance Dependence Treatment Act 2010

86.2 In section 49(1), for "3(1)" **substitute** "3".

86.3 In section 49(2), for "or a" **substitute** "or".