



## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 5, 2023
<b>TO</b>	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
<b>FROM</b>	Jessica Sieferman, Executive Officer
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 5B. AAVSB's New Model Regulations</b>

On May 9, 2023, the Association of American Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) distributed the attached email with three new model regulations created by the AAVSB's Regulatory Policy Task Force (RPTF) to its member Boards. The AAVSB sought feedback by June 10 to ensure its consideration in the finalization of the guidelines.

AAVSB granted the Board an extension until July 21 to allow the Board time to review, discuss and provide input during its July meeting. Dr. Richard Sullivan, DVM, MDC Vice Chair is a RPTF member and participated in the development of the new model guidelines.

Dr. Beth Venit, AAVSB Chief Veterinary Officer and RPTF Staff Liaison, and Dr. Sullivan will walk through the new regulations with the Board during its July meeting and answer any questions the Board members may have.

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**From:** AAVSB <aavsb@aavsb.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:30 PM  
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**Subject:** AAVSB Seeking comments on New Model Regulations

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## New Model Regulations

Dear colleagues,

The AAVSB's Regulatory Policy Task Force (RPTF) has created three new Model Regulations and is seeking comments from the AAVSB Member Board Executive Directors and Registrars. Please share within your organization as needed to develop comments.

- [Model Regulations- Establishment And Maintenance Of A Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship](#)
- [Model Regulations- Telehealth And The Virtual Practice Of Veterinary Medicine And Veterinary Technology](#)
- [Model Regulations- Safe Haven Program](#)

The AAVSB's RPTF is comprised of current and former executive directors, member board members, professionals within the veterinary fields, and legal representatives from across North America, and is charged with updating and creating the Practice Act Model (PAM) and Model Regulations for the use of the AAVSB's membership as needed. The PAM is a resource for those that wish to update their jurisdiction's Practice Acts. Similarly, Model Regulations are intended to be a resource for

jurisdictions that need to adopt new, novel, or controversial regulations with the input of AAVSB subject matter experts. The AAVSB does not intend Model Regulations to be considered as guidance documents; these are not recommendations that jurisdictions should adopt new rules or regulations. Rather, they are a resource for member boards to consider after the decision to adopt a regulation has been made.

These Model Regulations have been carefully written to be used in conjunction with the PAM. Therefore, redundant language between the PAM and the Model Regulations have been removed to the greatest extent possible, thus allowing for brevity within the Model Regulation. It should be noted that the PAM was also updated this year, so references within these Model Regulations do not match the currently published PAM. The PAM will go out to the Members for review and voting at the 2023 Annual Meeting and Conference in September. The PAM and Model Regulations are living documents and will be reviewed regularly to ensure that they reflect the most current understanding of these issues.

## Instructions for Returning Commentary:

Commentary must be received by the AAVSB no later than **June 10** to ensure its consideration in the finalization of the Guidelines.

To submit commentary, please utilize these online forms:

- Comment Submission – [Draft AAVSB Model Regulations - Establishment and Maintenance of a VCPR](#)
- Comment Submission – [Draft AAVSB Model Regulations: Telehealth and the Virtual Practice of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Technology](#)
- Comment Submission – [Draft AAVSB Model Regulations - Safe Haven Program](#)

Alternatively, you may e-mail your commentary documentation to Dr. Beth Venit, AAVSB RPTF Staff Liaison, and the AAVSB Chief Veterinary Officer, at [evenit@aavsb.org](mailto:evenit@aavsb.org).

All questions and/or requests for deadline extension should be directed to Beth Venit at [evenit@aavsb.org](mailto:evenit@aavsb.org).

Kind regards,



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