



MEMORANDUM

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TO Veterinary Medical Board

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SUBJECT **Sunset Review Report**

Background:

The Veterinary Medical Board first reviewed the blank sunset review questionnaire at its April 2012 meeting in Laguna Beach CA. Subsequent action was taken at the following meetings: June 12, 2012; July 24, 2012; and September 5, 2012. After the July meeting, staff made all the Board recommended changes to the responses to the questionnaire and then sent the report out again for review by the Board. Additional changes were made and the report was then edited again by the Board at its September 5, 2012 meeting and much time was spent on going through the document page by page.

What you have now is the final draft report with formatting done by DCA publications unit. Comments are appropriate on both the content and the "look" of the document. This is the final Board review. Whatever is adopted today is what will be sent to publications for a final formatting and printing and then on to the Legislative Sunset Review Committee by November 1, 2012.

In its Strategic Plan 2012-2014, the Board identified "Trends, Challenges and Opportunities" in the industry and profession, including the impact of student debt, growth in specialty medicine and the practice of telemedicine in veterinary medicine. The Board also identified five (5) goal areas, Enforcement, Customer Service and Administration, Education, Regulation/Legislation, and Licensing/Exams. In the sunset report, the Board has the opportunity to make recommendations for legislative change, so based on the Goal and Objectives under "Legislation/Regulations" listed below, does the Board wish to make any recommendations for legislative change to include in the sunset report?

STRATEGIC PLAN 2012-14 - GOAL 4 – REGULATION AND LEGISLATION

Monitor and uphold the law and participate in the regulatory and legislative processes.

Objectives

- 4.1** – Pursue legislation to strengthen the Board's authority over unlicensed activity, and monitor any related legislation. (Pursuant to SB 1111) Status: SB 697 proposed/bill died.
- 4.2** – Pursue the issue of telemedicine through regulation. Status: Pending
- 4.3**–Strengthen the Registered Veterinary Technician school approval process and reporting requirements. Status: Moving forward with regulations.

4.4 – Pursue regulation regarding physical therapy, cite and fine and the Registered Veterinary Technician school approval process. Status: MDC is moving forward with physical therapy and citation and fine.

4.5– Pursue regulations to define Registered Veterinary Technician student exemption level of supervision. Status: Pending with staff.

4.6 – Examine the feasibility of implementing an approval program for alternate routes for obtaining Registered Veterinary Technician licensure. Status: pending with the staff/Board RVT Committee.

4.7–Examine the current system of licensure exemptions for UC Davis and Western University and determine if legislative options are available to affect change. Pending with Board.

Action Requested:

- 1) Direction on any recommendations for legislation based on the Strategic Plan that the Board would like to include in the sunset report; and
- 2) All final recommendations and amendments to the overall document; and
- 3) A motion for staff to make the recommended amendments, finalize the document, send it to publications and then on to the Legislature by November 1, 2012.