

TITLE 16. Veterinary Medical Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Veterinary Medical Board is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at the **San Diego Zoo in the Rondoval Room, California, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2009.**

Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2009 or must be received by the Board at the hearing.

The Board upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 4808, 4846.1, and 4849 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 135, 851, 4800, 4830, 4841.5, 4846, 4846.1, 4846.2, 4848, and 4849 of said Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Business and Professions Code section 4808 authorizes the board to adopt, amend, or repeal such rules and regulations as are reasonably necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

The Board is proposing various amendments to update its address; remove a fixed exam filing date because the Board now offers its examinations in a computer based format with continuous testing; repeal sections that have a past sunset date; update form numbers; clarify the timeframe requirements for taking the licensing examinations; eliminate duplicative information; adding Western University at Pomona as an exempt veterinary college in California consistent with authority granted in 4830 (a)(5) of the Business and Professions Code, to recognize the repeal of Government Code section 15376 and to clarify existing law.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Sections 17500 – 17630 Require Reimbursement: None

Business Impact:

The board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

AND

The following studies/relevant data were relied upon in making the above determination: None

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses:

The Veterinary Medical Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The Veterinary Medical Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Veterinary Medical Board has determined that the proposed regulations would not affect small businesses because they pertain to licensing examination requirements for individual licensees.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Veterinary Medical Board must determine that no reasonable alternative is considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Veterinary Medical Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the Veterinary Medical Board at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 2250, Sacramento, California 95815.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

CONTACT PERSON

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Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at www.vmb.ca.gov.