

**Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations
Division 20. Veterinary Medical Board**

Proposed Language

Add sections 2007 and 2010.05 and amend section 2085.1 as follows:

Article 1. General Provisions

2007. Response to Board Inquiry.

If the board or its designee asks an applicant or licensee to provide criminal history information, a licensee shall respond to that request within 30 days. The applicant or licensee shall make available all documents and other records requested and shall respond with accurate information.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 4800.1 and 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 144, 4804.5, 4808, 4837, 4875, 4883, and 4885, Business and Professions Code; and Section 11105, Penal Code.

Article 2. Licenses

2010.05. Fingerprint and Disclosure Requirements for Renewal of License.

- (a) As a condition of renewal for a license that expires on or after April 1, 2011, a veterinarian who was initially licensed prior to January 1, 1960, a registered veterinary technician who was initially licensed prior to January 1, 2004, or any licensee for whom an electronic record of the submission of fingerprints no longer exists or was never created, shall furnish to the Department of Justice a full set of fingerprints for the purpose of conducting a criminal history record check and to undergo a state and federal level criminal offender record information search conducted through the Department of Justice.
- (1) The licensee shall pay any costs for furnishing the fingerprints and conducting the searches.
- (2) A licensee shall certify on the renewal form whether his or her fingerprints have been furnished to the Department of Justice in compliance with this section.
- (3) This requirement is waived if the licensee is renewed in an inactive status, or is actively serving in the military outside the country.
- (4) A licensee shall retain, for at least three years from the renewal date, either a receipt showing the electronic transmission his or her fingerprints to the Department of Justice or a receipt evidencing that the licensee's fingerprints were taken.
- (b) As a condition of renewal, a licensee shall disclose to the Board whether, in the prior renewal cycle, he or she has been convicted of any violation of the law in this or any other state, the United States, or other country, omitting traffic infractions not involving alcohol, dangerous drugs, controlled substances or animals. In addition, a licensee shall disclose any disciplinary actions against his or her license in this or any other state.

(c) Failure to comply with the requirements of this section renders any application for renewal incomplete and the license will not be renewed until the licensee demonstrates compliance with all requirements.

(d) Failure to furnish a full set of fingerprints to the Department of Justice as required by this section on or before the date required for renewal of a license is grounds for discipline by the Board.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 144, 4800.1, 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 144, 4800.1, 4808, 4837, 4883, 4885, 4901, 4901.1, and 4901.2, 4902, Business and Professions Code; and Section 11105, Penal Code.

Article 9. Continuing Education

2085.1. License Renewal Requirements

(a)(1) ~~On or after January 1, 2002,~~ a licensee applying for license renewal, or who is reactivating an inactive license, shall certify in writing that during the preceding renewal period the licensee has completed at least thirty-six (36) hours of approved continuing education and furnish a full set of fingerprints as required by section 2010.05

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1) of this section, a veterinarian shall not be required to comply with the continuing education requirements when applying for his or her first license renewal. Thereafter, such veterinarians shall be required to meet the continuing education requirement specified herein as a condition for renewal of his or her license.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4800.1, 4808 and 4846.5, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 144, 700, 701, 703, 704, 4808, 4837, 4846.5, 4875, 4883, Business and Professions Code; and Section 11105, Penal Code