

**Notice of Modifications to Text of Proposed Regulations and Availability
of Material Added to Rulemaking Record**

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 11346.8(c), and section 44 of title 1 of the California Code of Regulations, the Veterinary Medical Board is providing notice of changes made to proposed regulation sections 2068.5 and 2068.6 which were the subject of a regulatory hearing on January 16, 2008. Pursuant to Government Code sections 11346.8(d), 11346.9(a)(1) and 11347.1, material is being added to the rulemaking file as material relied upon and is being made available for review and comment.

The material added to the rulemaking file is as follows:

Rationale for Changes to Sections 2068.5 and 2068.6

The amended text and rationale for the changes are listed below:

Section 2068.5.

Section 2068.5 outlines the eligibility requirements whereby candidates for the RVT licensing examination can obtain a specific amount of education and practical experience. The changes in this regulatory proposal clarify that the experience is to be directed by the supervising veterinarian and that the required ~~twenty-four (24) months or 2944~~ 4416 hours of directed clinical practice to be completed in no less than 24 months is equivalent to 36 months of experience consistent with the existing definition of "full time" in Section 2021(a).

Section 2068.6.

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Currently, requirements for practice experience vary from 12 to 36 months. The Board determined that a consistent 36 months of experience was a minimum requirement to insure adequate consumer protection. It also determined that being on the job for no less than 24 months was also a minimum consumer protection requirement. In the proposed language, the Board retained the existing requirements for an equivalent of thirty-six months of clinical experience (4416 hours), consistent with the definition of full time in Section 2021(a), but provided authority for persons to complete the total hours in less than 36 months, but no less than 24 months.

If you have any comments regarding the proposed changes or the added material, the Board will accept written comments between February 12, 2009 and February 27, 2009. All written comments must be submitted to the Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2009, and addressed to:

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