

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 Rondoal Room in San Diego 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 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2009, or must be received by the Board at the hearing.

The Veterinary Medical 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, 4842.5, 4873 and 4905 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 4842.5, 4873 and 4905 of said Code, the Veterinary Medical 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.

Section 2070

Existing regulations authorize the Board to collect fees to carry out its mandate and to maintain an adequate balance in the contingency fund. These proposed regulatory changes would increase fees for the Veterinary Medical Board as follows:

1. (a) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the veterinary applicant eligibility fee from \$100 to \$125.
2. (b) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the fee for the California state board examination from \$150 to \$200.
3. (c) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the fee for the veterinary law examination from \$50 to \$100.
4. (d) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the initial license fee for veterinary licenses issued for one year or more from the date on which they will expire from \$250 to \$325 and to increase the initial registration fee for less than one year from \$125 to 162.50.

5. (e) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the biennial renewal fee for licensing periods beginning on or after July 1, 2010 from \$250 to \$325.
6. (f) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the fee for a temporary license from \$125 to \$150.
7. (g) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the initial registration fee for a veterinary premises (hospital) from \$100 to \$225.
8. (h) The purpose of this regulation is to repeal the initial and renewal fees to become a Board approved continuing education provider.
9. (i) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the annual renewal fee for registration of a veterinary premises from \$100 to \$225.
10. (k) The purpose of this regulation is to adopt a minimum fee of \$2,000 for participants in the Board's Diversion Program.

Section 2071

1. (a) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the application eligibility review fee for candidates applying for the California registered veterinary technician examination from \$100 to 125.
2. (b) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the examination fee from \$150 to \$175.
3. (c) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the one-year or more initial registration fee for veterinary technicians from \$100 to \$175 and to increase the initial registration fee for less than one year from \$50 to \$87.50.
4. (d) The purpose of this regulation is to increase the biennial renewal fee for registered veterinary technicians from \$100 to \$175.

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.

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses:

The Veterinary Medical Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have a significant 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 cost impact that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action and that are known to the Veterinary Medical Board are increased fees for examinations, licensing, for license renewal and for premise registration.

For CSB exam candidate passing the examination on the first attempt, the increase would be \$125.

For RVT exam candidate passing the examination on the first attempt, the increase would be \$ 50.

For a veterinarian the increase for an initial license and the biennial renewal would be \$ 75.

For an RVT the increase for an initial license and the biennial renewal fee would be \$75.

For a person who pays the annual registration fee for a veterinary premise the increase would be \$125.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Veterinary Medical Board has determined that the proposed regulations would affect small businesses in that the fees for registration of veterinary hospitals are increased; however, the increase is not a significant impact.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Veterinary Medical Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it 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, CA 95815 or at vmb@dca.ca.gov.

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 web site listed below.

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