

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

Notice of Proposed Changes

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 in the Hearing Room at 2005 Evergreen Street, Sacramento, California, at 10a.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2013.

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 Monday, January 21, 2013, 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 Section 4808 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 4841.5, 4842.5, and 4843 of said Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

A. Informative Digest

BPC section 4808 authorizes the Board to adopt, amend, or repeal such rules and regulations as may be reasonably necessary to enable it to carry into effect the provisions of the California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

This regulatory proposal will adopt CCR sections 2064, 2066, and 2066.1 and amend CCR sections 2065, 2065.5, 2065.6, 2065.7, 2065.8, 2065.8.1, 2065.8.2, 2065.8.3, and 2065.9.

B. Policy Statement Overview/Anticipated Benefits of Proposal

The purpose of the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) proposed language is to clarify and make specific that California and out-of-state registered veterinary technician (RVT) schools or degree programs accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) are accepted as Board approved educational programs.

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits. The proposed language benefits the health and welfare of California residents because RVT students/graduates benefit with the change in language by ensuring all AVMA accredited programs are accept by California as Board approved. It does not affect worker safety, and does not affect the state's environment.

C. Consistency and Compatibility with Existing State Regulations

This Board has evaluated this regulatory proposal and it is neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

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.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The 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 Board has determined that the proposed regulations would not affect small businesses. The proposed regulations adopt new and amend current sections of law to clarify and make them more accurate.

RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS:

Impact on Jobs/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.

The Board has determined the proposed language clarifies and makes specific California and out-of-state RVT schools or degree programs accredited by the AVMA are accepted as Board approved educational programs and will not create or eliminate jobs within the State of California.

Benefits of Regulation:

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will have the following benefits. The proposed language benefits the health and welfare of California residents because RVT students/graduates benefit with the change in language by ensuring all AVMA accredited programs are accepted by California as Board approved. It does not affect worker safety, and does not affect the state's environment.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

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 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 any document incorporated by reference, 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 Board at 2005 Evergreen Street, 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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