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Department of Agriculture Board of Veterinary Medicine

Notice of Public Hearing

Change to Notice of Intent for Proposed Rule

NAVLE Waiver, VTNE Waiver, & RVT State Jurisprudence Exam Requirement (LAC 46LXXXV.303.803)

In the April 20, 2022 edition of the Louisiana Register, the Board of Veterinary Medicine published a Notice of Intent to amend its rules relative to the waiver language for the NAVLE and VTNE application requirements for licensure as well as the rule language relative to the RVT state jurisprudence requirement for licensure. The original proposed rule can be seen at www.lsbvm.org/rulemaking-projects. Pursuant to the Board's consideration of comments and testimony received during the May 26, 2022 public hearing and during the period for written comment submission from April 21 to May 10, the Board proposes to reduce the average number of weekly hours required for waiver eligibility from 32 hours to 20 hours. This proposed reduction in hours is mirrored in the RVT's waiver of VTNE application requirement.

The original proposed rule already affords the Board greater discretion relative to gaps in employment in the five year period preceding the date of application for Louisiana licensure in determining when a licensed veterinarian applying for a Louisiana license has been a practicing veterinarian when the passing of the national examination (NAVLE) is older than five years. The proposed amendment to the required average number of hours allows waiver eligibility for part-time veterinarians with respect to the NAVLE application requirement. The proposed amendment to the VTNE waiver will also allow waiver eligibility for part-time registered veterinary technicians with respect to the VTNE application requirement.

Title 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS Part LXXXV. Veterinarians

Chapter 3. Licensure Provisions

§303. Examinations

A.-B.4.a. . . .

- b. has worked as a licensed veterinarian an average of ~~32~~ 20 hours per week in a private practice or its equivalent continuously and without substantial interruption for a period of five years immediately preceding his application.

Chapter 8. Registered Veterinary Technicians

§803. Examinations

A.-I. ...

J. The requirement for taking the national examination (VTNE) may be waived when an applicant:

a. ...

b. has been employed as a registered or certified veterinary technician an average of ~~32~~ 20 hours per week in a private practice or its equivalent continuously and without substantial interruption for a period of three years immediately preceding his application.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1549.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:226 (March 1990), amended LR 20:1380 (December 1994). LR 40:309 (February 2014).

Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments to the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine, Attention: Jared B. Granier, Executive Director, via U.S Mail at 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 or via e-mail attachment to director@lsbvm.org or via hand delivery. Comments will be accepted from June 21, 2022 until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 8, 2022. All written comments must be dated and include full name and original signature of the person submitting the comments as well as an email address or a mailing address.

Public Hearing

A public hearing to solicit comments and testimony on the proposed Rule amendment is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. During the hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing. Parking is available to the public in front of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry Building at 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

Jared B. Granier
Executive Director