



# LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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March 16, 2023

Senator P. Page Cortez  
President, Louisiana Senate  
Via Email: [APA.SenatePresident@legis.la.gov](mailto:APA.SenatePresident@legis.la.gov)

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RE: Report No. 2 of 2 for Regulatory Project 2022-3 ~ LAC 46LXXXV.101.105  
~ Petitions for Rule Modification

Dear Senator Cortez:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Board of Veterinary Medicine hereby announces its plan to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the Notice of Intent that was promulgated on page 346 of the February 20, 2023 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

As was indicated in our first report to your office on January 20, 2023, the objective of this proposed rule regarding the petitions for rulemaking in section 101 is to provide clearer instructions on the submission of petitions to the Board for the adoption of new rules or for amendments or repeal of an existing rule. The proposed rule change to section 105 also delivers greater clarity on submitting petitions related to application decisions made by the Board.

The Board has received no comments and therefore has not conducted a hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2). The Board has made no changes to the proposed rule. The full text of the proposed rule is attached.

Pending the final review and anticipated approval of this proposed rule by the Occupational Licensing Review Commission at its April '23 meeting and pending any legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development Committees, the Board intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication in the May 20, 2023 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

Please contact me directly at [director@lsbvm.org](mailto:director@lsbvm.org) or 225-925-6620 if the Board may be of any assistance to you concerning this rule.

For the Board:

Jared B. Granier, MBA  
Executive Director

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# Notices of Intent

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Agriculture and Forestry Board of Veterinary Medicine

Petitions for Rule Modification  
(LAC 46:LXXXV.101 and 105)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Board ("Board") of Veterinary Medicine is proposing to amend LAC 46:LXXXV.101 and 105, regarding the petitions for rulemaking in Section 101, providing clearer instructions on submitting petitions for the adoption of new rules or for amendments or repeal of an existing rule. The proposed amendment to Section 105 also delivers greater clarity on submitting petitions related to application decisions made by the board.

#### Title 46

### PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

#### Part LXXXV. Veterinarians

### Chapter 1. Operations of the Board of Veterinary Medicine

#### §101. Information, Agency Office, Request for Rules or Action

A. - C. ...

D. Submission of Rulemaking Petition. In accordance with R.S. 49:953(C)(l), any interested person may petition the board to adopt a new rule, or to amend or repeal an existing rule.

1. To petition the board for changes to an existing rule or for the adoption of a new rule, an interested person shall submit a written letter to the board. The petition shall include:

- a. petitioner's name and address;
- b. the specific text or a description of the proposed language desired for the adoption or amendment of a rule in the LA Veterinary Practice Act, or the specific rule and language in the LA Veterinary Practice Act identified for repeal;
- c. justification for the proposed action; and,
- d. the petitioner's signature.

2. The rulemaking petition shall be mailed to the board by certified mail and addressed to:

LA Board of Veterinary Medicine  
ATTN: Executive Director  
5825 Florida Blvd  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

3. Upon receipt, a rulemaking petition shall be reviewed by the full board at its next available meeting date. Within 90 days of receipt of the rulemaking petition, the board shall either:

- a. initiate rulemaking procedures to adopt a new rule, or to amend or repeal an existing rule; or
- b. notify the petitioner in writing of the denial to proceed with rulemaking, stating the reason(s) therefore.

E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1518 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 8:66 (February 1982), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:223 (March 1990), LR 19:1327 (October 1993), LR 23:966 (August 1997), LR 25:2226 (November 1999), LR 49:

#### §105. Appeals and Review

A. Applicants for Licensure or Examination. Any applicant desiring to review his or her (hereinafter in this title, the masculine pronouns he, him, and his shall be deemed to include the feminine pronouns she, her, and hers) national examination and/or the master answer sheet and/or the examination questions shall make arrangements with the national examination service vendor and/or any person, firm, corporation or entity charged by the board with the preparation, grading and/or administration of the national examination(s). The board shall not provide to applicants:

1. reviews of the questions contained on the national examination;
2. the answers to the questions contained on the national examination; or
3. any applicant's score on the national examination.

#### B. Persons Aggrieved by a Decision of the Board

1. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the board may, within 30 days of notification of the board's action or decision, petition the board for a review of the board's actions.

2. Such a petition shall be submitted in the form of a written letter to the board. The petition shall include:

- a. petitioner's name and address;
- b. the specific grievance and any details related to the board's decision; and,
- c. the petitioner's signature,

3. The petition shall be mailed to the board by certified mail and addressed to:

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4. Upon receipt of such petition, the board may then proceed to take such action as it deems expedient or hold such hearings as may be necessary, and may review such action as it deems expedient, and may review such testimony and/or documents and/or records as it deems necessary to dispose of the matter; but the board shall not, in any event, be required to conduct any hearings or investigations, or consider any offerings, testimony or evidence unless so required by statute or other rules or regulations of the board.

5. The party requesting the appeal shall pay all costs incurred by the board for review and appeal proceedings called in accordance with Section 105, and such costs shall include, but not be limited to, board member expenses, court reporter fees, investigative fees, attorney's fees, and administrative costs.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 8:66 (February 1982), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:223 (March 1990), LR 19:345 (March 1993), LR 23:966 (August 1997), LR 23:1529 (November 1997), LR 25:2226 (November 1999), LR 49:

#### **Family Impact Statement**

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy. In particular, the proposed Rule has no known or foreseeable impact on:

1. the stability of the family;
2. the authority and rights of persons regarding the education and supervision of their children;
3. the functioning of the family;
4. family earnings and family budget;
5. the behavior and personal responsibility of children;
6. the ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule.

#### **Poverty Impact Statement**

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any child, individual or family as defined by R.S. 49:973(B). In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on household income, assets, and financial security;
2. the effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development;
3. the effect on employment and workforce development;
4. the effect on taxes and tax credits;
5. the effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

#### **Small Business Analysis**

The proposed Rule should have no adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

#### **Provider Impact Statement**

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;
2. the total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the providers to provide the same level of service; or
3. the overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

#### **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](mailto:director@lsbvm.org) or via hand delivery. Comments will be accepted until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023. All written comments must be dated and must include the first and last name, email address, mailing address, phone

number, and the original signature of the person submitting the comments.

#### **Public Hearing**

Interested parties may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing 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](mailto:director@lsbvm.org) or via hand delivery; however, such request must be received by no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:953(A)(2)(a) are satisfied, a public hearing will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested parties should visit [www.lsbvm.org/rulemaking-projects](http://www.lsbvm.org/rulemaking-projects) after Monday, March 13, 2023. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested parties are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the event of a hearing, 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, MBA  
Executive Director

### **FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Petitions for Rule Modification**

#### **I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)**

There will be no costs or savings to state or local governmental units, except for the cost associated with publishing the proposed rule amendment, which is normally included in the annual operating budget of the Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board), which is estimated at \$750 in FY 2023. The proposed rule amendment will provide clearer instructions on submitting petitions for the adoption of new rules, or to amend or repeal existing rules as well as greater clarity on submitting petitions related to application decisions made by the Board.

#### **II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)**

The proposed rule amendment will not affect revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

#### **III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)**

The proposed rule amendment has no impact on directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

#### **IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)**

The proposed rule amendment will have no effect on competition or employment.

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