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July 9, 2024

Senator J. Cameron Henry, Jr.
President, Louisiana Senate
Via Email: APA.SenatePresident@legis.la.gov

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RE: Notification for Regulatory Project 2024-02a ~ LAC 46LXXXV.400.403.405.409.411.413.
800.811.1200.1227
~ Continuing Education Definitions & Requirements

Dear Senator Henry:

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Board of Veterinary Medicine published the first Notice of Intent related to proposed amendments to LAC 46LXXXV.400, 403, 405, 409, 411, 413, 800, 811, 1200 and 1227 in the March 20, 2024 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. In an effort to be as transparent as possible to the public, the Board notified your office on April 26, 2024 of its intent to repromulgate a revised Notice of Intent with a correction made to an error discovered in section 812 of the original publication. The revised Notice of Intent was repromulgated in the May 20, 2024 issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

The period for submission of public comments was March 21 to April 9, 2024 during which time the Board received no public comments and no request for a public hearing. Furthermore, the Board has received no public comments since repromulgating the revised Notice of Intent in the May 20 issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

This Notice of Intent does not apply to the requirement that an occupational regulation be submitted to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission for review as it does not meet the criteria of an occupational regulation as defined under the terms of La. R.S. 37:43 in that it neither hinders nor allows an individual to use an occupational title or work in a lawful occupation. This proposed Rule does not alter the methodology of the board in requiring licensees and certificate holders to obtain continuing education in the form of online participation but clarifies the definition of such form of participation and provides uniformity and clarity to the continuing education provisions for DVMs, RVTs and CAETs.

Pending no legislative oversight recommendations 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 August 20, 2024 issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

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

For the Board:

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Executive Director

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Notices of Intent

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Board of Veterinary Medicine

Continuing Education
(LAC 46:LXXXV.400, 403, 405, 409,
411, 413, 800, 811, 812, 1200, and 1227)

Editor's Note: This Notice of Intent is being republished to correct a manifest, typographical error. The original document can be viewed on pages 412-417 of the March 20, 2024 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Louisiana Board ("Board") of Veterinary Medicine proposes to amend LAC 46:LXXXV.400, 403, 405, 409, 411, 413, 800, 811, 812, 1200, and 1227 regarding continuing veterinary education requirements for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) and Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician (CAET) licensees and certificate holders to better define online participation for continuing education hours in §§400, 800 and 1200. Additional amendments to these sections have been made to provide greater uniformity and clarity to the continuing education language for DVMs, RVTs, and CAETs. This Rule is adopted on the date of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXXXV. Veterinarians

Chapter 4. Continuing Education

§400. Definitions

Active Status—a veterinarian who has met all of the requirements for annual licensure and is entitled to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Louisiana.

Contact Participation—physical attendance at seminars, lectures, conferences, or workshops.

Continuing Veterinary Education—approved, accredited experience obtained from participation in post graduate veterinary studies, institutes, seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, and other authorized forms of educational experiences so as to maintain and improve professional competencies for the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens and animals of Louisiana. A continuing veterinary education program accepted by another state's regulatory board of veterinary medicine, a governmental entity, and/or AAVSB, as well as those programs sponsored by AVMA accredited schools of veterinary medicine and/or any professional associations recognized by the board, shall be accepted as units or hours of continuing education; however, all other programs and/or their participants, including in-house programs, shall be required to obtain pre-approval from the board in accordance with LAC 46:LXXXV.409.A.3 and 4, respectively.

Continuing Veterinary Education Units—units of measure approved by the board for the purpose of accreditation of various continuing education activities. One continuing education unit is equivalent to one hour of activity.

Inactive Status—a veterinarian who wishes to retain a Louisiana license, but who has not met all of the requirements for active status and, therefore, is not entitled to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Louisiana.

Online Participation—mediums regarded as online participation include:

1. pre-recorded, self-test audio or video presentations with third-party grading;
2. non-interactive audio or video presentations in real-time available via the internet; and
3. interactive or "live" audio or video presentations or webinars in real-time available via the internet.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:224 (March 1990), amended LR 19:1427 (November 1993), LR 33:648 (April 2007), repromulgated LR 33:847 (May 2007), amended LR 37:1152 (April 2011), LR 38:1592 (July 2012), LR 50:

§403. Continuing Education Requirements

A. A minimum of 20 actual hours is required each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) as a prerequisite for annual renewal of a license; however, a maximum of 10 hours shall be earned for each fiscal period (July 1 to June 30) through online participation as defined in LAC 46:LXXXV.400.

B. A continuing veterinary education program accepted by another state's regulatory board of veterinary medicine, a governmental entity, and/or AAVSB, as well as those programs sponsored by AVMA accredited schools of veterinary medicine and/or any professional associations recognized by the board; however, any other programs and/or their participants, including in-house programs, shall be submitted to the board for pre-approval of the units or hours of continuing education in accordance with LAC 46:LXXXV.409.A.3 and 4, respectively;

C. The 20-hour requirement for annual renewal of a license may be taken in any combination of the following board-approved programs regarding subject matter content: clinical, alternative, regulatory, practice management, and/or research; however, online participation hours are limited to the 10-hour maximum set forth in Subsection A.2 of this Section.

D.1. Proof of attendance for all completed continuing education activity shall be submitted annually for each renewal period and shall include the following:

- a. the DVM's full name;
- b. the name of the course/program;
- c. the name of the sponsor and/or presenter;
- d. the date(s) of attendance;
- e. the total number of hours completed;
- f. the delivery method; and
- g. the specific subject matter completed.

2. All completed proof of attendance must be submitted to the board by September 30.

E. All hours shall be obtained in the 12 months preceding the renewal period of the license. Hours taken prior to the 12-month continuing education period shall not be accepted. Hours taken after the beginning of the renewal period shall be considered late and shall require payment of a late fee and possible fine as set forth in §411.B. Hours submitted late, if accepted by the board in accordance with §413.D, cannot be applied to other renewal periods.

F. Employment at an accredited school or college of veterinary medicine will not be accepted in lieu of completion of the required continuing education hours.

G. Presenters of approved continuing education programs may not submit hours for their presentation of, or preparation for, the program as continuing education hours.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated as §405 by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:224 (March 1990), amended LR 19:1427 (November 1993), LR 23:1147 (September 1997), LR 28:1208 (June 2002), LR 33:649 (April 2007), repromulgated LR 33:847 (May 2007), amended LR 36:319 (February 2010), LR 37:1152 (April 2011), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 44:587 (March 2018), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 50:

§405. Exceptions and Exemptions

A. The board may grant an extension of no more than 90 days for extenuating circumstances. The licensee requesting the extension must petition the board at least 30 days prior to the September 30 license expiration date. The board may require whatever documentation it deems necessary to verify the circumstances necessitating the extension. The board may also assess a late fee and/or fine as a result of granting the extension of time pursuant to §411.B.

B. Exemptions from these continuing veterinary education requirements may be made for persons in the following categories:

1. disabled licensees for whom completion of the continuing veterinary education requirements represents undue hardship. A request for a disability exemption must be documented by submitting a physician's statement of total disability without probability of return to practice for the annual renewal period. The documentation must be submitted annually in each renewal period;

2. a licensee who submits an affidavit of retirement for inactive status as provided by the board is entitled to a waiver of continuing veterinary education if he has reached the age of 65 years, or he submits an affidavit of disability and physician's statement of total disability without probability of return to practice for the annual renewal period:

a. once an affidavit is received by the board, a written request for reinstatement of a license may thereafter be submitted to the board within five years of such date of receipt, provided the applicant demonstrates that he has successfully obtained all continuing veterinary education hours for the past years at issue, as well as the current year;

b. a request for reinstatement within five years of the date an affidavit is received by the board may be subject to certain conditions being met as set by the board prior to such reinstatement;

c. once an affidavit is received by the board, a written request for reinstatement of a license may be submitted to the board after the expiration of five years of such date of receipt, however, the applicant shall submit an application for re-licensure, pay all required fees and satisfactorily pass all licensure examinations; and

d. a request for reinstatement shall be made in writing for review and consideration by the board;

3. licensees on active military duty. An affidavit, or other sworn document from the licensee's commanding officer must be submitted annually in each renewal period.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:224 (March 1990), amended LR 19:1428 (November 1993), LR 23:1147 (September 1997), LR 29:1478 (August 2003), LR 33:649 (April 2007), repromulgated LR 33:848 (May 2007), amended LR 38:1592 (July 2012), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 50:

§409. Approved Continuing Education Programs

A. It shall be the duty of the board to approve all continuing veterinary education programs for which credit shall be given to Louisiana licensed veterinarians as follows.

1. All units or hours from contact participation and online participation programs as defined in LAC 46:LXXXV.400 listed on the pre-approved list of the board shall be accepted, as well as all units or hours from contact participation and online participation and online participation from programs accepted by another state's regulatory board of veterinary medicine, a governmental entity, and/or AAVSB, as well as those programs sponsored by AVMA accredited schools of veterinary medicine and/or any professional associations recognized by the board.

2. ...

3. Additions to the list of pre-approved programs may be requested by writing to the board office and submitting all required documentation. All programs not on the pre-approved list must be submitted for pre-approval at least 14 days prior to the date of the program for the units or hours to be credited. Pre-approval may be obtained by writing or calling the board office during regular business hours.

4. An in-house continuing veterinary education program may be approved by the board if such program's subject matter content complies with the board's rules, and the program is open by invitation/advertisement to interested veterinarians in general who are not associated with the in-house practice. The general requirements regarding continuing education, including timely submission for pre-approval of the program by the board, continue to apply.

5. ...

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:224 (March 1990), amended LR 19:1428 (November 1993), LR 33:649

(April 2007), repromulgated LR 33:848 (May 2007), amended LR 36:319 (February 2010), LR 37:1152 (April 2011), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 50:

§411. Fees

A. Each license holder must fulfill his annual continuing veterinary education requirements at his own expense. Any registration fee(s) for his annual continuing veterinary education requirements are not included in the annual renewal fee.

B. A late fee of \$25 shall be paid for any late continuing education hours taken after the beginning of the renewal period. A fine of up to \$50 may also be levied for non-compliance with these rules.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:225 (March 1990), amended LR 19:1428 (November 1993), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 50:

§413. Non-Compliance

A. - B. ...

C. Failure to submit all satisfactory proof of attendance for continuing veterinary education hours by the September 30 deadline pursuant to §403 or §403 or falsifying certification shall be considered a violation of R.S. 37:1526(14) and/or (15).

D. Failure to obtain the required number of hours in the specified time period shall be considered a violation of the rules of professional conduct. An extension of no more than 90 days after the September 30 license expiration date may be granted by petitioning the board in accordance with §405.A.

E. A licensee who fails to obtain the required minimum of 20 approved hours within the prescribed 12-month period will not meet the requirements for renewal of his license. Such a license shall expire on September 30 for any licensee who does not timely and properly comply with the annual continuing veterinary education requirements. Thereafter, a licensee may apply for renewal of his expired license; however, he shall be unable to lawfully practice veterinary medicine with an expired license and may be subject to disciplinary action by the board, until such time as all requirements for renewal have been met and documented to the satisfaction of the board. Any late fees and/or fines assessed by the board shall be paid before the renewal is issued.

F. The promulgation of rule amendments by the board published in the *Louisiana State Register* on January 20, 2011 shall become effective for the period of time (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011) for the 2011-2012 annual license renewal and every annual license renewal period thereafter.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 16:225 (March 1990), amended LR 19:1428 (November 1993), LR 33:649 (April 2007), repromulgated LR 33:848 (May 2007), amended LR 36:320 (February 2010), LR 37:1152 (April 2011), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 50:

Chapter 8. Registered Veterinary Technicians

§800. Definitions

Contact Participation—physical attendance at seminars, lectures, conferences, or workshops.

Online Participation—mediums regarded as online participation include:

1. pre-recorded, self-test audio or video presentations with third-party grading;
2. non-interactive audio or video presentations in real-time available via the internet; and
3. interactive or “live” audio or video presentations or webinars in real-time available via the internet.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 50:

§811. Certificate Renewal and Late Charges

A. - C. ...

D. - G. Repealed.

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 16:227 (March 1990), amended LR 23:1686 (December 1997), LR 26:84 (January 2000), LR 36:320 (February 2010), LR 37:1153 (April 2011), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 50:

§812. Continuing Education

A. Basic Requirements

1. A minimum of 10 actual hours is required each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) as a prerequisite for annual renewal of certification; however, a maximum of 5 hours shall be earned for each fiscal period (July 1 to June 30) through online participation as defined in LAC 46:LXXXV.800. An RVT who fails to obtain a minimum of 10 continuing education hours within the applicable fiscal period will not meet the requirements for renewal of his certificate.

2.a. Proof of attendance for all completed continuing education activity shall be submitted annually for each renewal period and shall include the following:

- i. the RVT's full name;
- ii. the name of the course/program;
- iii. the name of the sponsor and/or presenter;
- iv. the date(s) of attendance;
- v. the total number of hours completed;
- vi. the delivery method; and
- vii. the specific subject matter completed.

b. All completed proof of attendance must be submitted to the board by September 30.

3. All hours shall be obtained in the 12 months preceding the renewal period of the certificate. Hours taken prior to the 12-month continuing education period shall not be accepted. Hours taken after the beginning of the renewal period shall be considered late. Hours submitted late, if accepted by the board, cannot be applied to other renewal periods.

4. Each RVT must fulfill his annual educational requirements at his own expense or through a sponsoring agency other than the board. Any registration fee(s) for his annual continuing veterinary education requirements are not included in the annual renewal fee.

5. Employment at an accredited school or college will not be accepted in lieu of completion of the required continuing education hours.

6. Presenters of an approved continuing education program may not submit hours for their presentation of, or preparation for, the program as continuing education hours.

B. Approved Continuing Education Programs. It shall be the duty of the board to approve all continuing veterinary education programs for which credit shall be given to Louisiana registered veterinary technicians as follows.

1. Hours may be taken from any programs accepted by another state's regulatory board of veterinary medicine, a governmental entity, and/or AAVSB, as well as those programs sponsored by AVMA accredited schools of veterinary medicine and/or any professional associations recognized by the board shall be accepted as units or hours of annual continuing education. All other continuing education programs must be approved by the board prior to attendance with the subject matter content properly addressing the duties of a registered veterinary technician. Those continuing education programs not timely submitted in accordance with Subsection F below will not be allowed for annual continuing education credit.

2. The list of programs for which pre-approval has been granted will be updated as needed and published by the board on its website, as well as those programs which are accepted by another state's regulatory board of veterinary medicine, a governmental entity, and/or AAVSB, and those programs sponsored by AVMA accredited schools of veterinary medicine and/or any professional associations recognized by the board.

3. Additions to the list of pre-approved programs may be requested by writing to the board office and submitting all required documentation. All programs not on the pre-approved list must be submitted for pre-approval at least 14 days prior to the date of the program for the units or hours to be credited. Pre-approval may be obtained by writing or calling the board office during regular business hours.

4. In order to qualify for board approval, all continuing education programs must be open by invitation/advertisement to interested registered veterinary technicians in general.

C. Non-Compliance with Continuing Education Requirements

1. Non-compliance with these rules shall be considered to be a violation of R.S. 37:1526(14).

2. Failure to submit proof of attendance for continuing education hours by the September 30 deadline pursuant to Subsection A.2 or falsifying certification shall be considered a violation of R.S. 37:1526(14) and/or (15).

3. Failure to obtain the required number of hours in the specified time period shall be considered a violation of the rules of professional conduct. An extension of no more than 90 days after the September 30 certificate expiration date may be granted by petitioning the board in accordance with Paragraph 4 below.

4. The board may grant an extension of no more than 90 days for extenuating circumstances. The RVT requesting the extension must petition the board at least 30 days prior to the September 30 certificate expiration date. The board may require whatever documentation it deems necessary to verify the circumstances necessitating the extension.

5. An RVT who fails to obtain the required minimum of ten approved hours within the prescribed 12-month period will not meet the requirements for renewal of his certificate. Such a certificate shall expire on September 30 for any RVT who does not timely and properly comply with the annual continuing education requirements. Thereafter, an RVT may apply for renewal of his expired certificate; however, he shall be unable to lawfully perform the allowed duties of an RVT and may be subject to disciplinary action by the board, until such time as the requirements for renewal have been met and documented to the satisfaction of the board.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 50:

Chapter 12. Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians §1200. Definitions

A. All definitions used in this chapter shall have the meaning assigned to them in R.S. 37:1552. In addition, the following definitions shall be applied.

Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician—a person who is instructed in a board approved program in the proper methods of humanely euthanizing animals by injecting legal drugs in accordance with rules adopted by the board, in proper security precautions, in proper record keeping, and related skills, and who has been issued a certificate by the board. Only a certified animal euthanasia technician, registered veterinary technician (RVT), or veterinarian licensed by the board may legally perform pre-euthanasia chemical restraint and/or chemical euthanasia. Pre-euthanasia chemical restraint and/or chemical euthanasia cannot be delegated to another person who is not a certified animal euthanasia technician, registered veterinary technician (RVT), or veterinarian licensed by the board.

Contact Participation—physical attendance at seminars, lectures, conferences, or workshops.

Full Certification—a certificate of approval granted to an applicant who has fulfilled all requirements of this Chapter. Such certificates shall expire annually. The certificate shall entitle the CAET to perform pre-euthanasia chemical restraint and/or chemical euthanasia only at the facility site of the certificate holder's employment, which may include an animal control shelter's mobile vehicle, and only one certificate shall be issued to a certificate holder at any one time.

Lead Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician or Lead CAET—a CAET who also meets the requirements of R.S. 37:1552(4). There shall be only one Lead CAET per animal control shelter or facility.

Online Participation—mediums regarded as online participation include:

- a. pre-recorded, self-test audio or video presentations with third-party grading;
- b. non-interactive audio or video presentations in real-time available via the internet; and
- c. interactive or "live" audio or video presentations or webinars in real-time available via the internet.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1558.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 19:1424 (November 1993), amended LR 26:317 (February 2000), LR 38:357 (February 2012), LR 40:309 (February 2014), amended by

the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 50:

§1227. Continuing Education

A. Basic Requirements

1. A minimum of 6 actual hours is required each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) as a prerequisite for annual renewal of certification; however, a maximum of 3 hours shall be earned for each fiscal period (July 1 to June 30) through online participation as defined in LAC 46:LXXXV.1200. An CAET who fails to obtain a minimum of 6 continuing education hours within the applicable fiscal period will not meet the requirements for renewal of his certificate.

2.a. Proof of attendance for all completed continuing education activity shall be submitted annually for each renewal period and shall include the following:

- i. the CAET's full name;
- ii. the name of the course/program;
- iii. the name of the sponsor and/or presenter;
- iv. the date(s) of attendance;
- v. the total number of hours completed;
- vi. the delivery method; and
- vii. the specific subject matter completed.

b. All completed proof of attendance must be submitted to the board by September 30.

3. All hours shall be obtained in the 12 months preceding the renewal period of the certificate. Hours taken prior to the 12-month continuing education period shall not be accepted. Hours taken after the beginning of the renewal period shall be considered late. Hours submitted late, if accepted by the board, cannot be applied to other renewal periods.

4. Each CAET must fulfill his annual educational requirements at his own expense or through a sponsoring agency other than the board. Any registration fee(s) for his annual continuing veterinary education requirements are not included in the annual renewal fee.

5. Presenters of an approved continuing education program may not submit hours for their presentation of, or preparation for, the program as continuing education hours.

B. Approved Continuing Education Programs. It shall be the duty of the board to approve all continuing veterinary education programs for which credit shall be given to Louisiana certified animal euthanasia technicians as follows.

1. Hours may be taken from any programs accepted by another state's regulatory board of veterinary medicine, a governmental entity, and/or AAVSB, as well as those programs sponsored by AVMA accredited schools of veterinary medicine and/or any professional associations recognized by the board shall be accepted as units or hours of annual continuing education with the subject matter content properly addressing the duties of a certified animal euthanasia technician. All other continuing education programs must be approved by the board prior to attendance with the subject matter content properly addressing the duties of a certified animal euthanasia technician. Those continuing education programs not timely submitted in accordance with Subsection C below will not be allowed for annual continuing education credit.

2. The list of programs for which pre-approval has been granted will be updated as needed and published by the board on its website, as well as those programs which are

accepted by another state's regulatory board of veterinary medicine, a governmental entity, and/or AAVSB, and those programs sponsored by AVMA accredited schools of veterinary medicine and/or any professional associations recognized by the board.

3. Additions to the list of pre-approved programs may be requested by writing to the board office and submitting all required documentation. All programs not on the pre-approved list must be submitted for pre-approval at least 14 days prior to the date of the program for the units or hours to be credited. Pre-approval may be obtained by writing or calling the board office during regular business hours.

4. In order to qualify for board approval, all continuing education programs must be open by invitation/advertisement to interested certified animal euthanasia technicians in general.

C. Non-Compliance with Continuing Education Requirements

1. Non-compliance with these rules shall be considered to be a violation of R.S. 37:1526(14).

2. Failure to submit proof of attendance for continuing education hours by the September 30 deadline pursuant to Subsection A or falsifying certification shall be considered a violation of R.S. 37:1526(14) and/or (15).

3. Failure to obtain the required number of hours in the specified time period shall be considered a violation of the rules of professional conduct. An extension of no more than 90 days after the September 30 certificate expiration date may be granted by petitioning the board in accordance with Paragraph 4 below.

4. The board may grant an extension of no more than 90 days for extenuating circumstances. The CAET requesting the extension must petition the board at least 30 days prior to the September 30 certificate expiration date. The board may require whatever documentation it deems necessary to verify the circumstances necessitating the extension.

5. A CAET who fails to obtain the required minimum of 6 approved hours within the prescribed 12-month period will not meet the requirements for renewal of his certificate. Such a certificate shall expire on September 30 for any CAET who does not timely and properly comply with the annual continuing education requirements. Thereafter, a CAET may apply for renewal of his expired certificate; however, he shall be unable to lawfully perform the allowed duties of a CAET and may be subject to disciplinary action by the board, until such time as the requirements for renewal have been met and documented to the satisfaction of the board.

D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1558.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 26:321 (February 2000), amended LR 36:320 (February 2010), LR 37:1153 (April 2011), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 44:588 (March 2018), amended by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 50:

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 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 until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. 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 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; however, such request must be received by no later than 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. 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, April 24, 2024 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 on or after Wednesday, April 10, 2024. 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
Executive Director

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Continuing Education**

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 change, which is estimated at \$750 for each rule and included in the annual operating budget of the Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board).

The proposed rule change better defines online participation for continuing education hours and provides greater uniformity and clarity to the continuing education language for Doctors of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT), and Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians (CAET).

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

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

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

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

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

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

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