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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None

**EXPECTED 2014-2015 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY**: The Board may review and amend current rules as may be necessary. The Board may review the licensing requirements and procedures for veterinarians and veterinary technicians, patient and other necessary recordkeeping requirements, requirements for continuing professional education, practice standards for veterinarians and veterinary technicians, including the safe operation and sanitation standards of a veterinary clinic. Other rules affected by licensing and/or continuing education changes may be subject to change. Outdated or duplicative rules that may exist in 10 MRSA, Part 9, Chapter 901 and rules established by the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation as authorized by 10 MRSA §8003 will be updated or repealed.

**CHAPTER 1**: Definitions and General Provisions

STATUTORY AUTHORI1Y: 32 MRSA §§ 4859(l) and (3), and 486l(5)(C)

PURPOSE: Defines terms used throughout the Board's rules and sets standards for conducting meetings and hearings, issuing advisory rulings, recordkeeping, and the manner in which complaints are handled. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with current statutes and make changes as needed.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 2**: Licensure Requirements for Veterinarians and Permit for Performance of Relief Veterinary Service STATUTORY AUTHORI1Y: 32 MRSA §§ 4859(l), 4861(4), AND 4871(2) PURPOSE: Amend requirements for issuance of a license to practice veterinary medicine and permits for the performance of relief veterinary service including: application, education, experience, and references. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with current statutes and make changes as needed.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 3**: Registration Requirements for Veterinary Technicians

STATUTORY AUTHORI1Y: 32 MRSA §4859(6)

PURPOSE: Establish registration requirements and procedures for veterinary technicians. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with current statutes and make changes as needed.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 4**: Standards for Continuing Professional Education for Veterinary Doctors

STATUTORY AUTHORI1Y: 32 MRSA §§ 4871(2)

PURPOSE: Establish requirements for continuing professional education for licensing renewal and the manner in which sponsored continuing education courses and programs are considered for approval. The Board may amend this chapter to conform to rules adopted by the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation on substantiation of continuing education by licensed practitioners.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 5**: Standards for Veterinary Practice Facilities and Recordkeeping

STATUTORY AUTHORI1Y: 32 MRSA §4859(3)

PURPOSE: Establish appropriate safety, sanitation, and procedural guidelines for veterinarians and veterinary clinic operations. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with current statutes and improve the manner in which veterinary clinics operate within the Board's statutory authority, particularly with regard to recordkeeping.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 6**: Enforcement and Disciplinary Procedures

STATUTORY AUTHORI1Y: 32 MRSA §4859(3)

PURPOSE: Establish enforcement and disciplinary procedures used by the Board. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with current statutes and make changes as needed.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 7**: Code of Ethics

STATUTORY AUTHORI1Y: 32 MRSA §§ 4859(2) and (3), and 4864(11)

PURPOSE: Establish professional practice standards for the practice of veterinary medicine. The Board may review this chapter and make changes to reflect current practice expectations for the protection of the public being served.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated