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**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

Maine Administrative Procedure Act

2015 - 2016 Regulatory Agenda

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AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **Board of Veterinary Medicine**

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

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY**: Pursuant to 2015 Public Law Chapter 209, the Board may review and amend current rules and adopt new rules for purposes of conformity with newly enacted laws, and update rules in general 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, and 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 Outdated or duplicative rules that may exist in 10 MRS, Part 9, Chapter 901 and rules established by the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation as authorized by 10 MRS §8003 will be updated or repealed.

**CHAPTER 1**: Definitions and Advisory Rulings

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 MRS §9001(4); 32 MRS §§ 4859(1) and (3), 4861, 4871(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter defines terms used throughout the Board's rules and describes the Board’s procedures for issuance of advisory rulings. 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 AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §§ 4859(1), 4861(4), 4871(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth 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. The section on temporary permits will be repealed to conform to newly enacted law.

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 AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §4859(6)

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes 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**: Continuing Professional Education for Veterinarians

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §4871(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes requirements for continuing professional education for license 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 Record Keeping

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §4859(3)

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes appropriate safety, sanitation, and procedural guidelines for veterinarians and veterinary clinic operations. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with current statutes and to 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 AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §4859(3)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth 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 AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §§ 4859(2) and (3), 4864(11)

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes 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