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

**EXPECTED 2016-2017 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY**: Pursuant to Public Law 2015, Chapter 209, the Board may review and amend current rules and adopt new rules, and also may update rules in general as may be necessary. The Board may review licensing requirements for veterinarians and veterinary technicians, recordkeeping requirements, continuing professional education requirements, and practice standards for veterinarians and veterinary technicians, including safe operation and sanitation standards for a veterinary clinic. Other rules affected by licensing and/or continuing education changes may be subject to amendment.

**CHAPTER 1**: Definitions and Advisory Rulings

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S. §9001(4); 32 M.R.S. §§ 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.

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 M.R.S. §§ 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 The section on temporary permits will be repealed to conform to newly enacted law.

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 M.R.S. §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.

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 M.R.S. §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. Consider a rule amendment for implementation of Public Law 2015, Chapter 488 requiring a veterinarian to complete three hours of continuing education on the prescription of opioid medication as a condition of prescribing opioid medication.

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 M.R.S. §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.

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 M.R.S. §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.

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 M.R.S. §§ 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.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.