

## Report From Agency

### STATE OF WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

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**IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING** :  
**PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE** : **REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD** : **CR 13-032**  
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#### **I. THE PROPOSED RULE:**

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

#### **II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:**

None.

#### **III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:**

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA are attached.

#### **IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:**

The proposed rule addresses several areas in the current administrative code concerning veterinarians that are outdated and no longer in keeping with current practices within the profession. The topic of the rule ranges from applicants reviewing failed examinations to types of communication between temporary permit holders and supervising veterinarians. The rule advances statutory goals by enacting provisions, “relating to licensure qualifications, denial of a license, certificate or temporary permit, unprofessional conduct and disciplinary proceedings.” s. 453.03 (1), Stats.

The proposed rule repeals s. VE 2.04 which allowed applicants to review a failed exam. Exam reviews are no longer feasible due to the test being administered electronically. Consequently, The Department is not able to provide a copy of the test, answer sheet, and master answer sheet as the rule currently requires. However, an applicant who has failed the test may retake it at any time.

The rule also increases the amount of time from 8 months to 10 months in which an applicant graduates from school and is tested for the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). The definition of temporary permit is updated to mean a document given to a person who has taken the NAVLE instead of the state board exam.

The rule will also provide an additional avenue for licensure by endorsement allowing greater access to veterinarians who wish to practice in Wisconsin. Furthermore, the rule will allow foreign candidates who successfully complete the Program for the Assessment of the Veterinary Education Equivalence to be eligible for licensure. Lastly, the proposed rule creates additional means of communication between temporary license permit holders and supervising veterinarian to include communication in person, by telephone, by video conference or by any electronic device.

**V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The Veterinary Examining Board held a public hearing on May 29, 2013. The following people attended the hearing:

Ron Kuehn, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association  
Kim Brown Pokorny, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association  
Yvonne Bellay, Madison, WI  
Lyn Maki, UW School of Veterinary Medicine  
Amy Mikla, UW School of Veterinary Medicine

No comments from the public were received either by hearing testimony or by written submission.

**VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

**VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:**

None.