

Administrative Rule Analysis



VETERINARY MEDICINE – GENERAL RULES

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Agency: Bureau of Professional Licensing
Enabling Statute: Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCLs 333.16145 and 333.18813 et seq.

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

2017-019 LR would add two new rules and amend several existing rules within the Veterinary Medicine General Rules. Major changes made by 2017-019 LR are as follows:

- Rules regarding veterinarian licensure by examination, veterinarian licensure by endorsement, and educational limited licensure would be amended for clarity and to include relevant rule citations.
- A rule regarding examinations for veterinarians would be updated to reflect the new name of the examination developer.
- Standards for approval of veterinary colleges would be amended to adopt current standards of the Accreditation Policies and Procedures of the American Veterinary Medical Association.
- Requirements for good moral character, submission of fingerprints, and a minimum of 45 hours of continuing education would be added for veterinarian relicensure; applicants would also have to have their license verified by other states' licensing agencies if they had ever been licensed in another state.
- A rule would be added requiring licensees to obtain a minimum of 45 hours of continuing education during the three year licensing cycle.
- Addition of a rule outlining acceptability of activities for continuing education.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

2017-019 LR may cause a minimal increase in costs for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). LARA estimates that there may be an increase in costs due to higher volumes of continuing education audits and increased investigation and disciplinary expenses for pursuing noncompliant licensees. LARA indicated that some of the cost increases could be recovered through fines imposed on noncompliant licensees. Additional costs not offset by fines would likely be sufficiently covered by existing departmental appropriations.

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