

# Administrative Rule Analysis

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## Veterinary Medicine – General Rules

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**Department: Licensing and Regulatory Affairs**

**Agency: Bureau of Professional Licensing**

**Enabling Statute: Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16145**

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## BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

2014-144 LR would add, amend, and rescind various rules pertaining to the licensure of veterinarians and the practice of veterinary medicine.

2014-144 LR would allow for a certificate from the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) through the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) to satisfy the educational requirement for obtaining a veterinary license. This would create an additional option for veterinarians that were educated abroad to obtain a license to practice.

The current rule stipulating that veterinary medical records are to be kept for a minimum of three years would be amended to extend that period to seven years. This adjustment is intended to provide consistency in recordkeeping standards among health professions, to ensure that records regarding controlled substances comply with the Board of Pharmacy's requirements, and to protect licensees in the event of a tax audit or malpractice suit.

Rules regarding the veterinarian-client-patient relationship are being rescinded due to a lack of statutory authority for the promulgation of such rules. A rule regarding the assessment of fines was rescinded due to duplication between rules promulgated by LARA and rules promulgated by the Bureau of Health Care Services, since the latter's General Rules apply to all regulated health professions (including veterinary medicine).

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

The rules added, amended, and rescinded by 2014-144 LR would not have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, nor on local units of government.

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