

Administrative Rule Analysis



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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

2017-020 LR would add two rules, rescind one rule, and amend several rules contained within the existing rules for veterinary technician licensure. Major changes are as follows:

- Amendment of a rule clarifying the need to pass the veterinary technician national examination.
- Rescission of a rule establishing eligibility requirements to sit the national licensure examination, since the American Association of Veterinary State Boards already determines eligibility for the Veterinary Technician National Examination.
- Clarification of language establishing requirements for licensure by endorsement.
- Amendment of a rule establishing adoption of standards and approval of veterinary training programs to adopt current standards of the Accreditation Policies and Procedures of the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities.
- Addition of requirements for good moral character, submission of fingerprints, and a minimum of 15 hours of continuing education for relicensure; applicants would also have to have their license verified by other states' licensing agencies if they had ever been licensed in another state.
- Rules would be added requiring licensees to obtain a minimum of 15 hours of continuing education during the three year licensing cycle and outlining acceptability of activities for continuing education.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

2017-020 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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