

Dear Senators BAIR, Guthrie, Buckner-Webb, and
Representatives ANDRUS, Boyle, Pence:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the
Board of Veterinary Medicine:

IDAPA 46.01.01 - Rules Pertaining To The State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine - Proposed
Rule (Docket No. 46-0101-1401).

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the
cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research
and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative
Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 08/27/2014. If a meeting is
called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis
from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 09/25/2014.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a
proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement,
and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has
been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4834, or send a written request to the address on the
memorandum attached below.



Jeff Youtz
Director

Legislative Services Office Idaho State Legislature

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee and the House Agricultural Affairs Committee

FROM: Senior Legislative Research Analyst - Ryan Bush

DATE: August 8, 2014

SUBJECT: Board of Veterinary Medicine

IDAPA 46.01.01 - Rules Pertaining To The State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 46-0101-1401)

The State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine submits notice of proposed rulemaking at IDAPA 46.01.01. This rule change revises provisions on ways that a certified veterinary technician (CVT) applicant can demonstrate completion of the educational requirements for certification. The Board states that it lacks the expertise and means to adequately evaluate foreign schools of veterinary medicine and whether a non-accredited CVT program is equivalent to a program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association. The Board has removed the provision on non-accredited CVT programs and now requires a letter certifying completion of a foreign veterinary school.

Negotiated rulemaking was conducted and Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules was published in the June 2014 Idaho Administrative Bulletin. There is no fiscal impact associated with this rulemaking.

The proposed rule appears to be within the statutory authority granted to the Board in Section 54-2105, Idaho Code.

cc: Board of Veterinary Medicine
Jodie Ellis

IDAPA 46 - BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

46.01.01 - RULES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

DOCKET NO. 46-0101-1401

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 54-2105, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than August 20, 2014.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The Board of Veterinary Medicine issues certifications to qualified veterinary technician applicants. Current rule provides several ways a certified veterinary technician (CVT) applicant can demonstrate completion of the educational requirements for certification. Two of the existing methods for an applicant to satisfy these requirements are to submit evidence of graduation from a veterinary technology program equivalent to a program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association or, if a foreign graduate, graduation from a program of veterinary medicine from a foreign school approved by the Board. The Board has determined that it lacks the expertise and means to adequately evaluate whether a non-accredited CVT program is equivalent to an accredited AVMA program or to approve foreign schools of veterinary medicine. To ensure uniformity in entry-level knowledge of certified veterinary technicians in Idaho, IDAPA 46.01.01.100 is being amended to delete these provisions.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: NA

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the June 4, 2014 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Vol. 14-6, page 101](#).

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: NA

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Jodie Ellis, Executive Director, (208) 332-8588.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before August 27, 2014.

DATED this 11th day of July, 2014.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 46-0101-1401
(Only those Sections being amended are shown.)

100. CERTIFICATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.

Any person representing himself as a veterinary technician, licensed veterinary technician, registered veterinary technician, or certified veterinary technician, shall hold a valid, unexpired certificate to practice veterinary technology in the state of Idaho. (3-30-07)

01. Application for Certification -- Contents -- Examinations. An individual desiring to be certified as a veterinary technician shall make written application to the Board upon a form furnished by the Board. A complete application shall be valid and maintained at the Board office for a period of one (1) year, contain the applicant's notarized signature, and include: (3-30-01)

a. A copy of a birth certificate or current passport proving that the applicant is eighteen (18) years of age or older. (4-2-08)

b. Notarized affidavits issued during the year preceding certification from two (2) individuals, personally acquainted with the applicant, attesting to the fact that the applicant is of good moral character. (3-30-01)

c. Documentation of education/training/experience as follows: (3-30-01)

i. A certified copy of a diploma or transcript, or a letter verifying graduation from a veterinary technology program, accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association; (3-29-10)

~~**ii.** A certified copy of a diploma or transcript, or a letter verifying graduation from a veterinary technology program equivalent to a program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, or from another college or institution approved by the Board; (3-29-10)~~

~~**iii.** A certified copy of a diploma or transcript, or a letter verifying the award of a D.V.M. or V.M.D. degree or equivalent, from an accredited school of veterinary medicine; or (3-29-10)~~

~~**iv.** If a foreign veterinary graduate, notarized verification of having been awarded a D.V.M. or V.M.D. degree or equivalent in a program of veterinary medicine from a foreign school of veterinary medicine or the veterinary department of a foreign university or another college or institution that is approved by the Board **a letter from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) certifying completion of the ECFVG program or a copy of the ECFVG certificate.** (3-30-07)()~~

d. Verification of a criterion-referenced passing score reported by the Professional Examination Service or its designee, or by other designated test vendors or their designees approved by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) or other national examination approved by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards or its designated test vendor or by the Board. If such a score is not available, the passing score shall be as reported by the Professional Examination Service or its designee, or by other designated test vendors or their designees approved by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards or by the Board and shall be considered equal to or greater than one and five-tenths (1.5) standard deviation below the mean score of the examination. (3-30-01)

i. The VTNE or other national examination approved by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards or its designated test vendor or by the Board may have been taken at any time. (3-30-01)

ii. Scores for the VTNE or other national examination approved by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards or its designated test vendor or by the Board are to be provided to the Board by the Professional Examination Service or its designee or by other designated test vendors or their designees approved by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. (3-30-01)

e. A passing score for the jurisprudence examination, which should be ninety percent (90%) or such score as deemed appropriate by the Board. The jurisprudence examination, as prepared by the Board or its designee, may be taken more than once, at three-month intervals. (3-29-10)

02. Application for Certification -- Fee -- Deadline -- Validity. (3-30-01)

a. A completed application, other required documents, and first year's certification fee in the amount established by the Board shall be received at the Board office by the first day of January or June. All application and certification fees are nonrefundable. (4-4-13)

b. The Board will review applications and issue certifications in January and June of each year. Veterinary Technician Certifications shall be consecutively numbered beginning with the number one (1) and all numbers shall be prefixed with the letters CVT. If an applicant is found not qualified, the Board shall notify the applicant in writing of such finding and grounds therefor. An applicant denied certification may request a hearing pursuant to the procedures set forth in Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code. (4-4-13)