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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

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Ms. Annette Kreitzer
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Alaska State Senate
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Dear Ms. Kreitzer:

Enclosed are the proposed revisions to House Bill 137 as proposed by the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

The board wishes to be more specific in regulation about the examinations. The intent is to reduce the need for statute changes in the future. The board believes this is the best way to streamline language and gain flexibility.

The term "good standing" is referred to in AS 08.98.184(4). Enclosed is Northeast Association of State Veterinary Boards' (NEASVB) Model language for the definition of "good standing." It is the board's wish to use this language to define "good standing" in regulation.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Catherine A. Reardon
Director

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Enclosures

cc: Jeffrey W. Bush, Deputy Commissioner
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NEASVB Model Language
"Good Standing" Definition

- A. The term "Good Standing" means that an applicant under this section:
1. Has not been the recipient of any administrative penalties regarding his or her practice of veterinary medicine, including but not limited to fines, formal reprimands, license suspensions or revocations (except for license revocations for nonpayment of license renewal fees), probationary limitations, and/or has not entered into any "consent agreements" which contain conditions placed by a Board on his or her professional conduct and practice, including any voluntary surrender of a license.
 2. Has never had his or her United States Drug Enforcement Administration privileges restricted or revoked.
 3. Is not currently under investigation by another veterinary licensing authority for acts which would provide a basis for disciplinary action in this state, as determined by the board.
 4. Has no physical or mental impairment related to drugs, alcohol or a finding of mental incompetence by a physician that would limit the applicant's ability to undertake the practice of veterinary medicine in a manner consistent with the safety of a patient or the public.
 5. Has not been convicted of a felony.
 6. Has no criminal conviction record nor pending criminal charge relating to an offense the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of

veterinary medicine. Applicants who have criminal conviction records or pending criminal charges shall require appropriate authorities to provide information about the record or charge directly to the board in sufficient specificity to enable to board to make a determination whether the record or charge is substantially related to the practice of veterinary medicine.

7. Has provided satisfactory evidence of attendance at continuing education classes equivalent to those required by the State of Alaska for the previous two years.

B. Applicants who do not meet the "Good Standing" definition found in the regulations adopted by the Board may apply for licensure via this section but must prove to the satisfaction of the state veterinary licensing body that they are qualified for licensure in this state. In approving licensure applications via this section, the state licensing body shall have the option(s) of placing limits on applicants' licenses, and/or establishing conditions of probation prior to the issuance of a license.

C. For purposes of licensing by examination only, examination scores will be accepted for a maximum of 5 years after the date of examination.

DIRECTORY OF VETERINARY LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

This *Directory* reflects the license requirements established by the Veterinary Medical Boards in most of the jurisdictions of North America. The information has been verified in most cases; those which have not been verified are noted on the respective profiles. For each jurisdiction the name of a contact person is provided as well as the telephone, fax and e-mail, if available.

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The three charts included in the *Directory* summarize by jurisdictions: 1) examination administration dates, 2) examination fees, and 3) the types of licensure available and whether or not there is a continuing education requirement.

Please Note:

1. All jurisdictions require the National Board Exam (NBE);
2. All jurisdictions except the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands require the Clinical Competency Test (CCT);
3. Many states also require some type of State Board Exam (SBE); and
4. Three states require an internship (supervised experience) prior to full licensure: Alabama, Missouri and Louisiana.

Please refer to the individual board profiles for more specific information including application deadlines for these exams and the type of State Board Exam in the various jurisdictions.

All jurisdictions have adopted the criterion referenced score as the passing score on the NBE and CCT. In some jurisdictions it is reported as 425 and in others it is converted to 70 or 75. The scores are all equivalent.

If you have questions about the *Directory*, please call, fax or e-mail the AAVSB office and the staff will assist you.

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STATE OF ALASKA
Boards and Commissions

VETERINARY EXAMINERS

BOARD: Board of Veterinary Examiners

BOARD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 102

DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY: AS 08.98.010

STATUS: Active

SUNSET DATE: June 30, 1997

REQUIREMENTS: Legislative Confirmation

PROHIBITIONS: Members cannot serve more than all or part of two consecutive terms.

TERM: 4 years

DESCRIPTION: 5 members appointed by Governor: 4 licensed veterinarians in active practice in Alaska for 5 years; plus 1 public member; no person may serve who is, or was during the two years immediately preceding appointment, a member of a faculty, board of trustees, or advisory board of a veterinary school.

FUNCTION: Regulates and controls applications, licenses, and permits of veterinarians and veterinarian technicians.

CHAIR: No provision.

SPECIAL FACTS: Serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members serve until a successor is appointed. An appointment to fill a vacancy is for the remainder of the unexpired term. A member who has served all or part of two successive terms may not be reappointed unless four years have elapsed since the person has last served.
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COMPENSATION: Standard Travel and Per Diem.

MEETINGS: At least 3 meetings per year, 2 days per meeting, plus special meetings at board or division request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kathy Taylor, Licensing Examiner, Division of Occupational Licensing, DCED, P.O. Box 110806 M/S 0800, Juneau, AK, 99811 0806, Phone: 907 465 5470, Fax: 907 465 2374

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Membership Roster
VETERINARY EXAMINERS (102)

Member	Appointed	Reappointed	Term Exp.
Jean Battig Veterinarian Alaska Veterinary Services P.O. Box 70965 Fairbanks, AK 99707	04/11/97		01/31/00
William G. Lewis Public 2855 Hurst Road North Pole, AK 99705	06/25/96		01/31/00
James L. Morris Veterinarian Wasilla Veterinary Clinic 2750 East Parks Highway Wasilla, AK 99654	01/02/97		01/15/01
Connie J. Sanders Veterinarian 2543 Brooke Drive Anchorage, AK 99517	06/25/96		01/31/99
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