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Department of Justice
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RE: OLPR Report for Regulatory Project 2024-10
~ LAC 46LXXXV. 301, 801, & 1201
~ Licensing Procedures

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Board of Veterinary Medicine published the first Notice of Intent related to proposed amendments to LAC 46LXXXV, Sections 301, 801, and 1201 in Chapters 3, 8 and 12 – respectively – in the December 20, 2024 edition of the Louisiana Register. This Notice of Intent provides greater uniformity and clarity to the application for licensure language for veterinarians (DVMs), registered veterinary technicians (RVTs), and certified animal euthanasia technicians (CAETs). The amendments to sections 301.F, 801.F, and 1201.E change the length of time for which an application is valid from two years to one year from the initial application submission date.

The Board determined that this amendment is reasonable due to several procedural improvements which have accelerated the application process including: the Board's transition to an online application process; the establishment of an online testing option for the required state jurisprudence exam; the repeal of the letters of recommendation requirement for licensure; the repeal of the eight-week preceptorship program requirement for DVM licensure; the increase to three total CAET trainings annually; and, the addition by the national testing vendor of a third testing window annually for the national exam (NAVLE) for DVMs.

The period for submission of public comments was December 21, 2024 to January 9, 2025 during which time the Board received no public comments and no requests for a public hearing.

Pending receipt of a position, supporting opinion from the DOJ's Occupational Licensing Review Program, the Summary Report will then be submitted for final review to the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development before Final Rule promulgation.

Please contact me directly at director@lsbvm.org or 225-925-6620 if the Board may be of any assistance to you concerning this rule.

For the Board:

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