

RULEMAKING HEARINGS

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS - 1730

There will be a hearing before the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to consider the promulgation of amendments to rules pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-12-105 and 63-12-106. The hearing will be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-204 and will take place in the Tennessee Room of the Cordell Hull Building located at 425 Fifth Ave. North, Nashville, TN at 3:30 p.m. (CDT) on the 23rd day of June, 2006.

Any individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (review these filings) should contact the Department of Health, Division of Health Related Boards to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation or review. Such initial contact may be made no less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date (the date such party intends to review such filings), to allow time for the Division to determine how it may reasonably provide such aid or service. Initial contact may be made with the ADA Coordinator at the Division of Health Related Boards, First Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-1010, (615) 532-4397.

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SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED RULES

AMENDMENTS

Rule 1730-3-.05, Procedures for Licensure, is amended by deleting subparagraphs (1) (c) and (1) (f) in their entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new subparagraphs (1) (c) and (1) (f) shall read:

- (1) (c) An applicant shall pay, at the time of application, the non-refundable application fee and state regulatory fee as provided in Rule 1730-3-.06.
- (1) (f) An applicant shall pass the examination as provided in Rule 1730-3-.08. Whenever the exam has been taken in another jurisdiction, official scores shall be submitted to the Board's administrative office directly from the testing service.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-12-106, 63-12-114, 63-12-115, and 63-12-135.

Rule 1730-3-.06, Fees, is amended by deleting subparagraphs (1) (c) and (3) (c) in their entirety and renumbering the remaining subparagraphs accordingly.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-12-106, and 63-12-135.

Rule 1730-3-.07, Application Review, Approval, Denial, Interviews, is amended by deleting subparagraph (3) (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new subparagraph (3) (c) shall read:

- (3) (c) For an applicant who has not passed the examination as provided in Rule 1730-3-.08, the file will remain open until the applicant has had the opportunity to take the exam three (3) times. At that time, the file will be closed and the applicant notified.

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Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-12-106, 63-12-114, 63-12-115, and 63-12-135.

Rule 1730-3-.08, Examinations, is amended by deleting the language of the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language as new paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5):

- (1) Individuals seeking licensure by examination, as provided in Rules 1730-3-.04 and 1730-3-.05, shall be required to pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination. This examination is developed by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.
- (2) The passing score shall be the criterion-referenced passing grade established by the testing agency.
- (3) All examination applications and fees for the Veterinary Technician National Examination shall be sent directly to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.
- (4) Official examination scores shall be submitted to the Board's administrative office directly from the testing agency whenever the examination was taken outside the Board's jurisdiction.
- (5) The Board adopts the Veterinary Technician National Board Examination as its state and national examinations, pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-12-115.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-12-106, 63-12-114, 63-12-115, and 63-12-135.

The notice of rulemaking set out herein was properly filed in the Department of State on the 21st day of April, 2006. (04-24)