OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Victoria Caltagirone
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

FROM: Kady Levale, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
465.3509

DATE: June 24, 2022

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Veterinary Examiners

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development; Board of Veterinary Examiners regulations re: exams, records, PDMP, and definitions (12 AAC 68)

Attorney General File: 2021200143
Regulation Filed: 6/24/2022
Effective Date: 7/24/2022
Print: 243, October 2022

cc with enclosures: Harry Hale, Department of Law
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis
Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist
ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

The attached five pages of regulations, dealing with examinations, medical records, prescription drug monitoring program, and definitions, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Veterinary Examiners adopted at its April 6, 2022 videoconference meeting, under the authority of AS 08.98.050, AS 08.98.080, AS 08.98.165, AS 08.98.167, and AS 17.30.200, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Board of Veterinary Examiners paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: 6/2/2022

Denise Albert, DVM, Acting Chair
Board of Veterinary Examiners

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on June 24, 2022 at 9:21 a.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 – 44.62.120.

Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: July 24, 2022.
Register: 243, October 2022.
FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff
Kady Levale, Notary Administrator
April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on December 11th, 2018.

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KEVIN MEYER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
12 AAC 68.010(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) evidence that, within 60 months before the date of application, the applicant has passed the North American Veterinary License Examination, administered by the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA);

12 AAC 68.010(b) is amended to read:

(b) An application for licensure by examination and all supporting documents must be received by the department not later than 15 [AT LEAST 120] days before the deadline to register for the [NEXT SCHEDULED] examination, as set by the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA).

(Eff. 3/27/71, Register 37; am 7/11/81, Register 79; am 4/22/83, Register 86; am 6/29/84, Register 90; am 4/10/88, Register 106; am 12/27/90, Register 116; am 5/9/98, Register 146; am 1/1/2000, Register 152; am 8/13/2000, Register 155; am 9/2/2001, Register 159; am 5/23/2003, Register 166; am 8/6/2006, Register 179; am 5/11/2007, Register 182; am 5/30/2015, Register 214; am 7/24/2022, Register 243)

Authority: AS 08.98.050 AS 08.98.165

Editor's note: The International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA), described in 12 AAC 68.010(a)(3) and (b), may be reached at P.O. Box 1356, Bismarck, ND 58502; telephone: (701) 224-0332. The website for the North American Veterinary License Examination (NAVLE), administered by the ICVA, is https://www.icva.net/navle/.

As of Register 230 (July 2019), the regulations attorney made a technical revision under AS 44.62.125(b)(6), to 12 AAC 68.010(a)(7).
12 AAC 68.315(b) is amended to read:

(b) An application for examination or reexamination must be received by the department not later than 15 [AT LEAST 120] days before the deadline to register for [DATE OF] the [NEXT] examination, as set by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.

Applicants who fail the examination may retake the examination within one year from the date of their application. After the expiration of one year from the date of application, applicants who wish to retake the examination must reapply for it.

(Eff. 10/21/92, Register 124; am 5/9/98, Register 146; am 9/2/2001, Register 159; am 4/9/2005, Register 174; am 5/30/2015, Register 214; am 7/24/2022, Register 243)

Authority: AS 08.98.050 AS 08.98.080 AS 08.98.167

Editor's note: The Veterinary Technician National Examination, described in 12 AAC 68.315, is sponsored by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), 380 W. 22nd Street, Suite 101, Kansas City, MO 64108; Telephone: (816) 931-1504; website at https://aavsb.org/vtne-overview/the-online-application.

12 AAC 68.910(e) is amended to read:

(e) Unless released to the client [PATIENT'S OWNER], patient medical records must be retained by the veterinary medical facility or licensed veterinarian for a minimum of five years. Records may be disposed of by tearing, shredding, [OR] burning, or electronic disposal, so that the records are totally destroyed. (Eff. 2/10/85, Register 93; am 5/9/98, Register 146; am 7/24/2022, Register 243)

Authority: AS 08.98.050
12 AAC 68.930 is repealed and readopted to read:

12 AAC 68.930. Registration with the prescription drug monitoring program
controlled substance prescription database. (a) A licensed veterinarian who has a federal
Drug Enforcement Administration registration number must register with the prescription drug
monitoring program (PDMP) controlled substance prescription database under AS 17.30.200 and
12 AAC 52.855(a).

(b) A licensed veterinarian may delegate, in accordance with AS 17.30.200(d)(3), the
reviewing of client information and the reporting of patient data only to another veterinarian or
Veterinary technician employed in the same practice who holds a current license under AS 08.68.

(c) The veterinarian's delegate must be registered with the PDMP using a separate login,
and shall register using the name of the delegating veterinarian. The veterinarian may not give
the veterinarian's login to a delegate. (Eff. 5/16/2020, Register 234; am 7/24/2022, Register 243)

Authority: AS 08.98.050 AS 17.30.200

12 AAC 68 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 68.935. Compliance with the prescription drug monitoring program
controlled substance prescription database. (a) Unless excused under AS 17.30.200(t) and (c)
of this section, a licensed veterinarian or the veterinarian's delegate must review the information
in the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) controlled substance prescription database
to check a client's prescription records before the veterinarian dispenses or prescribes a schedule
II or III controlled substance to the client.

(b) Unless excused under AS 17.30.200(t) and (c) of this section, a licensed veterinarian
who dispenses a schedule II, III, or IV controlled substance must submit the information as required under AS 17.30.200(b) to the PDMP daily, including days when the veterinarian does not dispense any controlled substances. When reporting a dispensed controlled substance under this subsection, the veterinarian shall use the name of the client.

(c) A licensed veterinarian is not required to review the client’s information in the PDMP database before prescribing, administering, or dispensing a controlled substance if

(1) the patient is receiving treatment

(A) in an inpatient setting;

(B) at the scene of an emergency;

(C) in an emergency veterinary hospital; or

(D) immediately before, during, or within the first 48 hours after surgery or a medical procedure; or

(2) the prescription is non-refillable and is written for a quantity intended to last for not more than three days.

(d) In this section,

(1) "reporting" means inputting prescription data for the client’s animal patient;

(2) "emergency veterinary hospital" means a veterinary hospital or emergency service that

(A) is an independent after-hours service, an independent 24-hour service, or part of a full-service hospital;

(B) has the primary function of receiving, treating, and monitoring emergency patients during its specified hours of operation; and

(C) has a licensed veterinarian in attendance at all hours of operation and
sufficient staff available to provide timely and appropriate care. (Eff. 7/24/2022.)

**Authority:**  AS 08.98.050      AS 17.30.200

12 AAC 68.990 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(6) "veterinary facility" or "veterinary medical facility"

(A) means any premises or facility where the practice of veterinary medicine is performed, including a mobile clinic, temporary clinic, outpatient clinic, veterinary hospital or clinic, emergency facility, specialty facility, referral facility, or veterinary center;

(B) does not include the premises of

(i) a veterinary client;

(ii) a research facility; or

(iii) the United States armed forces. (Eff. 4/10/88, Register 106; am 5/9/98, Register 146; am 1/1/2000, Register 152; am 5/16/2020, Register 234; am 7/24/2022; Register 243)

**Authority:**  AS 08.98.050
From: Rebecca C. Polizzotto
Chief Assistant Attorney General
Department of Law
Legislation, Regulations, & Legislative Research Section

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Board of Veterinary Examiners against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This memorandum constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations.

The Board of Veterinary Examiners adopted the regulations after the close of the public comment period. The amendments to 12 AAC 68 concern shortening the application for veterinary license by examination or by reexamination timelines; providing for electronic disposal of medical records; updating standards for registration and login of the prescription drug monitoring program and database; and defining the terms "veterinary facility" and "veterinary medical facility."

The Board of Veterinary Examiners readopted these regulations on June 2, 2022 after a number of technical edits were incorporated into the original version of the regulations adopted on June 14, 2021. Ordinarily it is the Regulations Attorney's practice to request that regulations adopted later than a year from the date of original public notice receive supplemental notice. However, given the technical nature of these regulations and that readoption exceeded the typical one-year standard by only twelve days, the Regulations Attorney finds no problem with filing these regulations without requesting supplemental notice.

The March 17, 2021 public notice and June 2, 2022 order state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.
RCP:bws

Cc w/ enclosure:  Jun Maiquis, Regulations Contact
                    Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development

                    Harriet Milks, Senior Assistant Attorney General
                    Department of Law
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Board of Veterinary Examiners proposes to adopt changes to the regulations regarding examinations, veterinarian-client-patient relationships, the prescription drug monitoring program, and definitions.

The Board of Veterinary Examiners (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12, Chapter 68 of the Alaska Administrative Code including the following:

1. **12 AAC 68.010. Application for a license by examination**, is being proposed to amend the number of days for a complete application to be on file before the examination deadline.


3. **12 AAC 68.315. Veterinary technician examination**, is being proposed to amend the number of days for a complete application to be on file before the examination deadline.

4. **12 AAC 68.910. Medical records**, is proposed to amend the disposal practice of medical records.

5. **12 AAC 68.930. Registration with the prescription drug monitoring program controlled substance prescription database**, is being proposed to amend the requirements for the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP), including registration and delegates.

6. **12 AAC 68.935. Compliance with the prescription drug monitoring program controlled substance prescription database**, is a proposed new section that will outline the compliance requirements for use of the PDMP.

7. **12 AAC 68.990. Definitions**, is being proposed to add a new definition for “veterinary facility” or “veterinary medical facility”.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system at http://notice.alaska.gov/202186, and using the comment link. **The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on May 24, 2021.** Comments received after this deadline will not be considered by the Board.

Oral comments relevant to the proposed regulations may also be submitted at an oral hearing to be held June 2, 2021, by video and teleconference. You may register in advance for the video conference at https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ocOqggjkuHdwl0V6Wu5FHg1JMayH5yw7C, or join by telephone at (669) 900-6833 and use the meeting ID 995 7384 2478, during the hearing. The hearing will be held from 9:20 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 9:20 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. Callers should be on the line before the hearing begins at 9:20 a.m. if they would like to provide oral testimony. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, no in-person testimony or written comments will be taken at the hearing.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 or by e-mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. **The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period.** The Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and on the Board’s website at
The Board may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Sher Zinn at (907) 465-1049 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov, no later than May 17, 2021, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Sher Zinn at (907) 465-1049 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov, or go to https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/VETRegs_0421.pdf

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.** Written comments and questions received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 08.98.050; AS 08.98.165; AS 08.98.167; AS 17.30.200.

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 08.98.050; AS 08.98.165; AS 08.98.167; AS 17.30.200.

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

**DATE: 4/30/21**

Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

For each occupation regulated under the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, the Division keeps a list of individuals or organizations who are interested in the regulations of that occupation. The Division automatically sends a Notice of Proposed Regulations to the parties on the appropriate list each time there is a proposed change in an occupation's regulations in Title 12 of the Alaska Administrative Code. If you would like your address added to or removed from such a list, send your request to the Division at the address above, giving your name, either your e-mail address or mailing address (as you prefer for receiving notices), and the occupational area in which you are interested.

**ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION**

(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. **Adopting agency:** Board of Veterinary Examiners – Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.

2. **General subject of regulation:** Examinations, veterinarian-client-patient relationships, PDMP.

3. **Citation of regulation:** 12 AAC 88.010 - 12 AAC 68.990.

4. **Department of Law file number:** To be assigned.

5. **Reason for the proposed action:** Update and clarify current regulations.

6. **Appropriation/Allocation:** Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing – #2360.

7. **Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:**
A private person: None known.
Another state agency: None known.
A municipality: None known.

8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):
   No costs are expected in FY 2021 or in subsequent years.

9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:
   Ilisa Lund, Licensing Examiner
   Board of Veterinary Examiners
   Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
   Telephone: (907) 465-1037
   E-mail: ilisa.lund@alaska.gov

10. The origin of the proposed action: Board of Veterinary Examiners.

11. Date: 4/11/2021  Prepared by: [Signature]
    Sher Zinn
    Regulations Specialist
AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS
AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I, Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed adoption of changes to 12 AAC 68, dealing with examinations, veterinarian-client-patient relationships, the prescription drug monitoring program, and definitions, has been given by being:

1. published in a newspaper or trade publication;
2. furnished to every person who has filed a request for notice of proposed action with the state agency;
3. furnished to appropriate state officials;
4. furnished to interested persons;
5. furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulation;
6. furnished electronically to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
7. posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1);

As required by AS 44.62.190, additional regulation notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to interested persons and those in (2), (4) and (6) of the list above. The additional regulation notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

Date: 06/13/2021

Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Juneau, Alaska on 6.3.21

Jolene Sirila
Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska
My commission expires 

State of Alaska
NOTARY PUBLIC
With Office
AFFIDAVIT OF ORAL HEARING

I, Ilisa Lund, licensing examiner for the Board of Veterinary Examiners, under penalty and perjury, state the following:

On June 2, 2021, at 9:15 a.m., in room B, 333 Willoughby Ave., 9th Floor, Juneau, Alaska, I presided over a public hearing held under AS 44.62.210 for the purpose of taking testimony in connection with the adoption of changes to 12 AAC 68.010, 12 AAC 68.215, 12 AAC 68.315, 12 AAC 68.910, and 12 AAC 68.930, 12 AAC 68.935, 12 AAC 68.990, dealing with examinations, veterinarian-client-patient relationships, the prescription drug monitoring program, and definitions.

Date: 6/10/2021

Ilisa Lund, Occupational Licensing Examiner

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Juneau, Alaska on 6/10/21.

Nolene Siirli, Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska
AFFIDAVIT OF AGENCY RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, being sworn, state the following:

In compliance with AS 44.62.215, the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development has kept a record of its use or rejection of factual or other substantive information that was submitted in writing as public comment and that was relevant to the accuracy, coverage, or other aspect of the Board of Veterinary Examiners regulations on dealing with examinations, veterinarian-client-patient relationships, the prescription drug monitoring program, and definitions.

Date: 6/3/2021

Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Juneau, Alaska on 6.3.21.

Jolene Sirilla
Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska
My commission expires: [Signature]
STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Lisi Misa being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is a representative of the Anchorage Daily News, a daily newspaper. That said newspaper has been approved by the Third Judicial Court, Anchorage, Alaska, and it now and has been published in the English language continually as a daily newspaper in Anchorage, Alaska, and it is now and during all said time was printed in an office maintained at the above-said place of publication of said newspaper. That the annexed is a copy of an advertisement as it was published in regular issues (and not in supplemental form) of said newspaper on

04/22/2021

and that such newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during all of said period. That the full amount of the fee charged for the forthcoming publication is not in excess of the rate charged private individuals.

Signed

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of April 2021.

Notary Public in and for The State of Alaska.
Third Division
Anchorage, Alaska

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 7/1/2024
AFFIDAVIT OF BOARD ACTION

I, Warren Gordon, Licensing Examiner for the Board of Veterinary Examiners, being duly sworn, state the following:

The attached motion dealing with examinations, medical records, prescription drug monitoring program, and definitions was passed by the Board of Veterinary Examiners during its April 6, 2022 videoconference meeting.

Date: 4/18/2022

Warren Gordon, Licensing Examiner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 18 day of April, 2022.

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska
My commission expires: 10/office

[Signature]
12 AAC 68.010, .215, .315, .910, .930, .935, and .990
The Board reviewed the rekeyed version from Department of Law. After much discussion between the board members, Brad Sharp, and Jun Maiquis concerning the language of 12 AAC 68.215 dealing with veterinarian-client-patient relationship as amended and rekeyed by Department of Law, the board decided to table this section. A motion was duly made by Dr. Hal Geiger, seconded by Dr. Ciara Vollaro, with unanimous consent through a roll call vote, 12 AAC 68.215, was tabled for further discussion.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Hal Geiger, seconded by Dr. Ciara Vollaro, with unanimous consent through a roll call vote, and considering public comments received and cost to private persons, it was resolved that the Board move to adopt 12 AAC 68.010(a)(3), 12 AAC 68.010 (b), 12 AAC 68.315(b), 12 AAC 68.910(e), 12 AAC 68.930, 12 AAC 68.935, and 12 AAC 68.990(6) as amended and rekeyed by Department of Law.

The motion passed with no further discussion.