



Notice of Proposed Changes in The Regulations of the Alaska Board of Veterinary Examiners

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 68.215. Veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

- This is a new section that will define a client-patient relationship and require the relationship to be initiated before caring for, or treating, an animal.
- This will establish a formal, and clearly defined, legal relationship between the veterinarian, their client, and the animal patient being treated.
- It will also provide clarification as to how telemedicine can be used by providers of veterinary services and what is required for them to practice under a license in Alaska. The purpose of this section is to provide legal and regulatory protection for the public which they can rely on when considering the use of telemedicine services.
- This regulation will assist veterinarians in complying with the federal Veterinary Feed Directive, which relates to veterinarians who prescribe medications for any animal that may enter the food chain for human consumption. In addition, the change will help protect the food supply by ensuring veterinarians provide for a site visit to the farm or facility in a timely manner when applicable.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

There is no expected cost to comply with the proposed regulations.

3. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it

goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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