

Regulatory Analysis Form

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IRRC Number: 2106

(1) Agency

Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, State Board of Veterinary Medicine

(2) I.D. Number (Governor's Office Use)

16A-5710

(3) Short Title

Licensure, Examination, Fees

(4) PA Code Cite

49 Pa. Code §§31.3(a), 31.11(b)(2), 31.12(b) and 31.41

(5) Agency Contacts & Telephone Numbers

Primary Contact: Teresa Lazo-Miller, Counsel
 State Board of Veterinary Medicine (717)783-7200
 Secondary Contact: Joyce McKeever, Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of State (717) 783-7200

(6) Type of Rulemaking (check one)

Proposed Rulemaking
 Final Order Adopting Regulation
 Final Order, Proposed Rulemaking Omitted

(7) Is a 120-Day Emergency Certification Attached?

No
 Yes: By the Attorney General
 Yes: By the Governor

(8) Briefly explain the regulation in clear and nontechnical language.

The regulation replaces the current examinations required for licensure as a veterinarian. The examinations currently required, the National Board Examination (NBE) and the Clinical Competency Test (CCT), will be replaced with the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). The NBE and CCT will be administered for the last time on April 11-12, 2000. In addition, the regulation deletes the requirement that applicants for licensure take the Pennsylvania Veterinary Legal Practice Examination (PVLPE).

(9) State the statutory authority for the regulation and any relevant state or federal court decisions.

Section 9(3) of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act (Act), 63 P.S. §485.9(3), authorizes the Board to determine the examinations required for licensure. Section 5(6) of the Act, 63 P.S. §485.5(6), authorizes the Board to approve applicants' qualifications for licensure.

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(10) Is the regulation mandated by any federal or state law or court order, or federal regulation? If yes, cite the specific law, case or regulation, and any deadlines for action.

The regulation is not mandated by any federal or state law or court order, or federal regulation.

(11) Explain the compelling public interest that justifies the regulation. What is the problem it addresses?

Amending the regulations to update the examinations required for veterinary licensure in the Commonwealth protects the public health and safety and the health and welfare of animals by requiring candidates to take the current uniform national examination.

Amending the regulations to delete the requirement that candidates for veterinary licensure take the PVLPE is in the public interest because the requirement is onerous for applicants and the examination is of questionable value in assuring the competence of practitioners.

(12) State the public health, safety, environmental or general welfare risks associated with nonregulation.

Failure to require candidates to take the current uniform national examination for licensure may affect the public health and welfare by permitting unqualified persons to obtain licenses.

The PVLPE consists of only 20 questions and has historically had a 100% pass rate. The Board believes that the examination does little to protect the public.

(13) Describe who will benefit from the regulation. (Quantify the benefits as completely as possible and approximate the number of people who will benefit.)

The entire population will benefit from the requirement that licensed veterinarians are properly qualified by having taken the current uniform national examination.

All citizens of the Commonwealth will benefit by increasing the number of veterinarians who choose to practice in the Commonwealth.

(14) Describe who will be adversely affected by the regulation. (Quantify the adverse effects as completely as possible and approximate the number of people who will be adversely affected.)

The Board knows of no persons who would be adversely affected by the regulation.

(15) List the persons, groups or entities that will be required to comply with the regulation. (Approximate the number of people who will be required to comply.)

All candidates for licensure in Pennsylvania would be required to comply with the regulation. In the past three years, the number of candidates for licensure has increased slightly: 179 candidates in 1997, 201 candidates in 1998 and 220 candidates in 1999.

(16) Describe the communications with and input from the public in the development and drafting of the regulation. List the persons and/or groups who were involved, if applicable.

The National Board Examination Committee has communicated with veterinary schools throughout the United States and Canada and with veterinary associations regarding the change from the NBE and CCT to the NAVLE.

The Board requested feedback on its recommendation that the PVLPE requirement be deleted to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association ("PVMA"), local chapters of the PVMA, and Pennsylvania's school of veterinary medicine. All feedback was favorable.

(17) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to the regulated community associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required.

The fee for the NBE and CCT is \$350 when the examinations are taken on the same date and \$395 when the examinations are taken on different dates. The cost of the NAVLE is \$325, representing a decrease of \$25 to \$70 for the approximately 200 candidates who sit for the exam each year.

Candidates also had an option of taking the PVLPE independently of the NBE and CCT for a cost of \$87 or with the NBE and CCT for a cost of \$42. These candidates will realized a savings of either \$42 or \$87. Finally, candidates taking the PVLPE separately will be relieved of the expense of traveling to the Fort Washington, Pennsylvania examination site.

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(18) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to local governments associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required.

There are no costs or savings to local governments associated with compliance with the regulation.

(19) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to state government associated with the implementation of the regulation, including any legal, accounting, or consulting procedures which may be required.

There are no costs or savings to state government associated with compliance with the regulation.

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(20) In the table below, provide an estimate of the fiscal savings and costs associated with implementation and compliance for the regulated community, local government, and state government for the current year and five subsequent years.

	Current FY	FY +1	FY +2	FY +3	FY +4	FY +5
SAVINGS:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Regulated	22,400	22,400	22,400	22,400	22,400	22,400
Local Government	0					
State Government	0					
Total Savings	22,400	22,400	22,400	22,400	22,400	22,400
COSTS:						
Regulated	0					
Local Government	0					
State Government	0					
Total Costs	0					
REVENUE LOSSES:	0					
Regulated	0					
Local Government	0					
State Government	0					
Total Revenue Losses	0					

(20a) Explain how the cost estimates listed above were derived.

The savings to the regulated community were calculated by estimating that half of the 200 candidates taking the licensure exam each year would have taken the NBE and CCT together (thus enjoying a savings of \$25 on the NAVLE) and that half of the 200 candidates would have taken the NBE and CCT on different dates (thus enjoying a savings of \$70 on the NAVLE). $(100 \text{ candidates} \times \$25) + (100 \text{ candidates} \times \$70) = \$9500$.

This total was then added to the savings to the regulated community from the deletion of the PVLPE. This figure was calculated by using 100 candidates saving \$87 and 100 candidates saving \$42 $(100 \text{ candidates} \times \$87) + (100 \text{ candidates} \times \$42) = \$12,900$. The total savings to the regulated community was calculated by adding the savings on the three examinations: $\$9500 + \$12,900 = \$22,400$. The figure above is a conservative estimate of the savings to the regulated community, who are also relieved of traveling to the examination site for the separate PVLPE examination.

There are no other savings, costs or revenue losses associated with the regulation.

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(20b) Provide the past three year expenditure history for programs affected by the regulation.

Program	FY -3	FY -2	FY -1	Current FY
See 20(a)				

(21) Using the cost-benefit information provided above, explain how the benefits of the regulation outweigh the adverse effects and costs.

See item 20(a). The benefits of the regulation are seen in the reduction of expenses to candidates for veterinary licensure, attracting more candidates to practice in Pennsylvania.

(22) Describe the nonregulatory alternatives considered and the costs associated with those alternatives. Provide the reasons for their dismissal.

Because the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act provides for the Board to specify licensing requirements by regulation, no nonregulatory alternatives were considered.

(23) Describe alternative regulatory schemes considered and the costs associated with those schemes. Provide the reasons for their dismissal.

No alternative regulatory schemes were considered with regard to the uniform national examination. With respect to the PVLPE, the Board considered increasing the availability of the examination by having the examination administered on additional dates and at additional testing facilities, but found that the benefits of requiring the 20-question examination were outweighed by the cost to the regulated community, which would increase if additional examination sites and dates were added.

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(24) Are there any provisions that are more stringent than federal standards? If yes, identify the specific provisions and the compelling Pennsylvania interest that demands stronger regulation.

The federal government does not regulate the qualifications for veterinary licensure.

(25) How does this regulation compare with those of other states? Will the regulation put Pennsylvania at a competitive disadvantage with other states?

All states in the United States and Canadian provinces will be affected by the change from the NBE and CCT to the NAVLE, as it is a uniform examination.

Of the surrounding states (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and West Virginia), Maryland, New Jersey and West Virginia require candidates for licensure to pass a "legal" examination.

The Maryland examination is required by Board regulation. The examination is given four times per year and consists of 50 questions. The cost of the examination is \$75.00. Although candidates have enjoyed a 100% passing rate, they must complete the examination to receive a license.

The legal component of the New Jersey examination is mandated by statute. The examination also tests on the AVMA Code of Ethics and clinical material. The examination is administered in April and October at a cost of \$200.00. Candidates may not practice until they have passed the examination.

West Virginia statutes require some type of state examination. Because candidates for licensure already take both a written and clinical examination (the national licensing examinations, the National Board Examination and the Clinical Competency Test), the state administers a legal examination as the state examination. The test is open book and consists of 50 questions. Applicants pay a \$25.00 fee for a copy of the practice Act and regulations of the Board, and pay an additional \$150.00 to sit for the examination. Candidates may practice with a temporary license pending passage of the legal examination.

(26) Will the regulation affect existing or proposed regulations of the promulgating agency or other state agencies? If yes, explain and provide specific citations.

The regulation will amend the Board's regulations at 49 Pa. Code §§31.3(a), 31.11(b)(2), 31.12(b) and 31.41.

(27) Will any public hearings or informational meetings be scheduled? Please provide the dates, times, and locations, if available.

No public hearings or informational meetings are scheduled regarding the regulation. The National Board Examination Committee has already informed veterinary schools and associations of the change to the uniform national examination. The Board informed veterinary schools and associations of the change to the PVLPE.

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(28) Will the regulation change existing reporting, record keeping, or other paperwork requirements? Describe the changes and attach copies of forms or reports which will be required as a result of implementation, if available.

The regulation will not change existing reporting, record keeping or other paperwork requirements.

(29) Please list any special provisions which have been developed to meet the particular needs of affected groups or persons including, but not limited to, minorities, elderly, small businesses, and farmers.

All candidates for licensure are equally affected by the regulation.

(30) What is the anticipated effective date of the regulation; the date by which compliance with the regulation will be required; and the date by which any required permits, licenses or other approvals must be obtained?

The regulation will be effective upon publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, sometime after the date of the final administration of the NBE and CCT examinations on April 11-12, 2000. The first administration of the NAVLE is scheduled for November 2000.

(31) Provide the schedule for continual review of the regulation.

The Board reviews its regulations on a continuing basis at its bimonthly meetings.

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STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
(AGENCY)

BY: _____

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DATE OF APPROVAL

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BY: Brian V. Harpster, VMD
BRIAN V. HARPSTER, V.M.D.

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~~Independent Agency~~
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NOTICE OF FINAL/PROPOSED OMITTED RULEMAKING
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
49 PA. CODE, CHAPTER 31
Examinations, Licensure, Fees

By this Order, the State Board of Veterinary Medicine ("Board") amends 49 Pa. Code §§31.3 (relating to general requirements), 31.11 (relating to licensure requirements), 31.12 (relating to temporary permits) and 31.41 (relating to fees) to replace the current uniform national examination for licensure, the National Board Examination (NBE) and the Clinical Competency Test (CCT), which will be administered for the final time on April 11-12, 2000, with the new uniform national examination and to delete the requirement that applicants for licensure take the Pennsylvania Veterinary Legal Practice Examination (PVLPE). The NBE and CCT will be replaced with the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE), the uniform examination which will be required of applicants for licensure in the United States and Canada. The first administration of the NAVLE will be in late November-mid December, 2000.

Section 9 of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, Act of December 27, 1974, P.L. 995, as amended, 63 P.S. §485.9, ("the Act") authorizes the Board to determine the license examinations to be required of applicants for licensure. Section 812.1 of the Administrative Code of 1929, Act of April 9, 1929, as amended, 71 P.S. §279.3a, and Section 9(b)(3) of the Act, 63 P.S. §485.9(b)(3), provide that a national uniform examination may be used as the licensing examination. Section 5(6) of the Act, 63 P.S. §485.5(6), authorizes the Board to approve the qualifications of applicants for licensure.

Replacement of NBE and CCT with NAVLE

Public notice of intention to amend the regulations pursuant to the procedures specified in Sections 201 and 202 of the Act of July 31, 1968, P.L. 769, 45 P.S. §§1201-1202 (commonly referred to as the "Commonwealth Documents Law"), has been omitted as authorized pursuant to Section 204(3) of the Commonwealth Documents Law, 45 P.S. §1204(3), because the Board finds that these procedures are, under the circumstances, unnecessary. Public comment is unnecessary because the NAVLE is replacing the NBE and CCT as the uniform national licensing examination for veterinarians effective after the last administration of the NBE and CCT in April 2000. The NBE, CCT and NAVLE are administered by the National Board Examination Committee for Veterinary Medicine.

The change in the examination will also effect a change in the fee for candidates taking the examination, as set forth in 49 Pa. Code §31.41. Section 812.1(b) requires that the fee charged cover the entire cost of the examination. The current fees of \$210.00 for the NBE and \$185.00 for the CCT, or \$350.00 if the tests are taken at one sitting, will be replaced with a single fee for the NAVLE of \$325.00. Applicants will continue to register for the test directly with the National Board Examination Committee and pay the fee for the examination directly to the National Board Examination Committee.

Discontinuance of the PVLPE

Public comment regarding the deletion of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Legal Practice Examination is likewise unnecessary pursuant to Section 204(3) of the Commonwealth Documents Law, 45 P.S. §1204(3). Sometime before August 1988, the PVLPE requirement replaced a requirement that an applicant pass a "practical or oral" examination, or both. The requirement was proposed in a rulemaking published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, which noted that "The Board has eliminated the oral examination and proposes to have reciprocal license applicants sit for its replacement, the Pennsylvania Legal Practice Exam." 18 Pa. B. 3458, 3459 (Aug. 6, 1988). The rule was made final upon publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on January 21, 1989. 19 Pa. B. 237 (Jan. 21, 1989).

The PVLPE is a one-hour examination consisting of 20 multiple choice questions based on the Act. The purpose of the PVLPE is to assure that the applicant for licensure is somewhat familiar with the Act which governs the practice of veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth. The exam is given in April and December of each year at the Commonwealth's Fort Washington, Pennsylvania exam site. Under current regulations, an applicant cannot be issued a permanent license until they have taken and passed the exam.

Several problems regarding the PVLPE have become evident. First, as there is only one exam site, applicants for licensure may have the inconvenience and expense of driving in excess of six hours, plus overnight lodging in the Philadelphia area, or a one day round-trip flight. Second, depending on when they apply, applicants for licensure may have to wait up to 10 months between the date of their application and the date of the exam. The deadline to apply for the April examination is February 1. A candidate applying after February 1 would have to take the December examination.

The requirement is particularly onerous for licensees of other states who are seeking reciprocity in Pennsylvania. Under the current regulations, a licensee from another state is only entitled to reciprocal licensure if the licensee has practiced for five years immediately preceding application for licensure in the Commonwealth. These veterinarians may have to wait up to ten months to obtain reciprocal licensure in the Commonwealth because of the delay in being able to schedule the PVLPE.

If a veterinarian licensed in a sister state wishes to practice in the Commonwealth pending passage of the PVLPE, the veterinarian must apply for a temporary permit. A temporary permit allows the veterinarian to practice only under the supervision of a current Pennsylvania licensee, even though the veterinarian may have been practicing independently for years in a sister state. In addition, should the veterinarian apply for the temporary permit but fail to submit the application to take the exam at the same time, per Board regulation, the temporary permit would automatically

expire. The veterinarian would then have to begin the entire application process over and wait to take the PVLPE at its next scheduled administration. The Board has determined that requiring licensees of Pennsylvania's sister states to take the PVLPE does not promote the goals of the Act.

The difficulties faced by applicants for licensure by the PVLPE requirement also burden the citizens of the Commonwealth, who are deprived the services of otherwise qualified veterinarians who must wait lengthy periods before they may practice in the Commonwealth, or who may be deterred from settling in the Commonwealth because of the onerous requirement. In contrast, the detriments which may result from eliminating the exam requirement are minimal, and may be further minimized by requiring applicants to verify that they have read the Act and the Board's regulations as part of the process of applying for a Pennsylvania license. The proposed verification would ensure that applicants for original and reciprocal licensure are familiar with the provisions of law governing the practice of veterinary medicine in Pennsylvania.

Finally, elimination of the PVLPE will effect a reduction in the fees paid for Pennsylvania licensure by eliminating the \$87.00 charge for the examination as set forth in 49 Pa. Code §31.41. This section will be amended to reflect delete the reference to the PVLPE.

Compliance with Executive Order 1996-1

The Board reviewed this rulemaking and considered its purpose and likely impact upon the public and the regulated population under the directives of Executive Order 1996-1, Regulatory Review and Promulgation. The final/proposed omitted regulation addresses a compelling public interest as described in this Preamble and otherwise complies with Executive Order 1996-1.

Statutory Authority

These amendments are proposed under Section 812.1 of the Administrative Code of 1929, Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 177, as amended, 71 P.S. §279.3a, and Section 9 of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, 63 P.S. §485.9.

Fiscal Impact and Paperwork Requirements

The proposed amendments will have no fiscal impact on the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions. Candidates for licensure by examination will be required to take the current uniform national examination and will be required to pay the actual costs of the examination.

Regulatory Review

Under Section 5.1(c) of the Regulatory Review Act, the Act of June 30, 1989, P.L. 73, as amended, 71 P.S. §§745.1-745.15, the agency submitted a copy of the regulation with proposed rulemaking omitted on 4-7-2000 to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and the Chairpersons of the House Professional Licensure Committee and the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee. On the same date, the regulation was submitted to the Attorney General for review and approval pursuant to the Commonwealth Attorneys Act. In accordance with Section 5(e) of the Act, the regulation was (deemed) approved by the House Committee on _____ and (deemed) approved by the Senate Committee on _____. IRRC met on _____ and (deemed) approved the regulation.

Additional Information

Individuals who desire information are invited to submit inquires to the Board Administrator, State Board of Veterinary Medicine, P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649. The telephone number of the Board is (717) 783-7134.

The State Board of Veterinary Medicine finds:

1. That public notice of intention to amend the regulations as adopted by this Order pursuant to the procedures specified in Sections 201 and 202 of the Commonwealth Documents Law, 45 P.S. §§1201-1202, has been omitted pursuant to the authority contained in Section 204(3) of the Commonwealth Documents Law, 45 P.S. §1204(3), because the Board has, for good cause, found that the procedure specified in Sections 201 and 202 of the Commonwealth Documents Law, 45 P.S. §§1201 and 1202, is in this circumstance, unnecessary, because Section 812.1 of the Administrative Code permits the use of national uniform examinations and the national uniform examination for veterinary medicine will change after April 2000 and because the Board is authorized to determine licensure examinations and qualifications for licensure.
2. That all persons affected by the regulation as adopted by this Order have been or will be given actual notice of the change in the uniform national examination for veterinary medicine and elimination of the PVLPE by the National Board Examination Committee and/or State Boards and/or Colleges of Veterinary Medicine in advance of final rulemaking pursuant to Section 204(2) of the Commonwealth Documents Law, 45 P.S. §1204(2).
3. That the amendment of the regulations of the Board in the manner provided in this Order is necessary and appropriate for the administration of its authorizing statute.

The State Board of Veterinary Medicine, acting under its authorizing statute, orders:

- A. Regulations of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine are hereby amended by amending Sections 31.3, 31.11 31.12 and 31.41, as set forth in Annex A attached hereto.
- B. The Chairperson of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine shall submit this Order and attached Annex A to the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Attorney General for approval as to legality as required by law.
- C. The Chairperson of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine shall certify this Order and attached Annex A and deposit the same with the Legislative Reference Bureau as required by law.
- D. This Order shall become effective immediately upon publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, and shall apply to examinations administered after April 12, 2000.

Annex A

TITLE 49. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL STANDARDS
PART I. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Subpart A. Professional and Occupational Affairs
CHAPTER 31. STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§31.3. Examinations

(a) The examination[s] required as a prerequisite to original licensure as a veterinarian [are the National Board Examination (NBE), the Clinical Competency Test (CCT) and the Pennsylvania Veterinary Legal Practice Examination] is the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). The examination[s] will be given at least annually and at other times deemed appropriate by the Board, in consultation with the [professional testing organization providing these examinations to applicants of the Board] National Board Examination Committee.

LICENSURE

§31.11. Application for licensure.

(b) Original licensure. As a prerequisite to original licensure as a veterinarian, an applicant shall submit the following documentation to the Board:

(2) [National Board Examination (NBE) and Clinical Competency Test (CCT)] North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) examination results as furnished through a national examination grade reporting service. The Board will accept an applicant's grades from [an] the National Board Examination (NBE) and Clinical Competency Test (CCT) examinations if taken within the last 5 years as furnished through a [N]national examination grade reporting service in lieu of the NAVLE [retaking these examinations], if the applicant passed these examinations with a score equivalent to or higher than the passing score then prevailing in this Commonwealth.

(c) *Reciprocal licensure.* An applicant for licensure by reciprocity who has held a valid license from another state and has been actively engaged in clinical practice in that state for 5 years immediately preceding application for licensure in this Commonwealth, may be granted a license to practice veterinary medicine in this Commonwealth after having [passed the Pennsylvania Veterinary Legal Practice Examination,] paid the fee required by §31.41 (relating to schedule of fees), and submitted the following documentation to the Board:

§31.12. Temporary permits.

(b) *Reciprocal licensure.* An applicant for reciprocal licensure who desires a temporary permit under section 10 of the act may be granted a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine in this Commonwealth [pending passage of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Legal Practice Examination] if the applicant completes an application form prescribed by the Board, pays the fee required by §31.41, and otherwise meets the requirements of subsections (a) and (c) and section 10 of the act.

FEES

§31.41. Schedule of fees.

An applicant for a license, certificate or service shall submit a payment at the time of the request under the following fee schedule:

Veterinarians:

[National Board Examination (NBE)	\$210
Clinical Competency Test (CCT)	\$185
CCT and NBE at one sitting	\$350
Complete examination	\$392
Pennsylvania Legal Veterinary Practice examination (PLVPE) of administered separately from the CCT and NBE joint offering administration	\$87]
<u>North American Veterinary Licensing Examination</u>	<u>\$325</u>

FEE REPORT FORM

Agency: State - BPOA

Date: 12/22/99

Contact: David Williams

Phone No. 783-7194

Fee Title, Rate and Estimated Collections:

Effective November, 2000 Examination:

North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE):	\$325.00
Estimated Biennial Revenue:	0 (fees paid to professional testing agency)

Fee Description:

The fee will be charged to every applicant for the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE).

Fee Objective:

The fee should offset the contracted cost to provide the examination.

Fee-Related Activities and Costs:

Actual, contractual cost of the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination:	\$325.00
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Contract Cost:	\$325.00
Proposed Fee:	\$325.00

Analysis, Comment, and Recommendation:

It is recommended that a fee of \$325.00 be established for the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE).



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
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April 7, 2000

The Honorable John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
14th Floor, Harristown 2
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

Re: Final Order, Proposed Rulemaking Omitted for the State Board of Veterinary Medicine
Licensure, Examination, Fees: 16A-5710

Dear Chairman McGinley:

Enclosed please find a copy of a Final Order, Proposed Rulemaking Omitted package of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine pertaining to the licensure examination.

The Board will be pleased to provide whatever information the Committee may require during the course of its review of this regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian V. Harpster, VMD".

Brian V. Harpster, V.M.D., Chairperson
State Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Enclosure

c: John T. Henderson, Jr., Chief Counsel
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Dorothy Childress, Commissioner
Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Joyce McKeever, Deputy Chief Counsel
Department of State
Herbert Abramson & Gerald S. Smith, Senior Counsels in Charge
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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR REGULATIONS SUBJECT TO THE
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- 120-day Emergency Certification of the Governor
- Delivery of Tolled Regulation
 - a. With Revisions
 - b. Without Revisions

FILING OF REGULATION

DATE	SIGNATURE	DESIGNATION
4-7-00	<i>[Signature]</i>	HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE
4/7/00	<i>[Signature]</i>	SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE
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4-7-00	<i>[Signature]</i>	ATTORNEY GENERAL
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March 27, 2000