

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control _____ Department or Agency Alabama State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Rule No. 930-X-1-12
Rule Title: Continuing Education Requirements
_____ New Amend _____ Repeal _____ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer *Tammie J. Capel*
Date Jan. 22, 2018

(DATE FILED)
(STAMP)

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 930-X-1-.12 Continuing Education Requirements

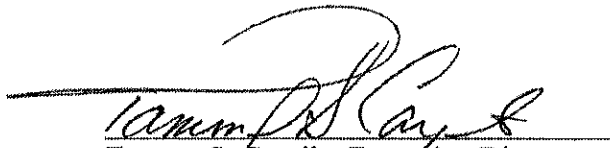
INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners intends to amend Rule 930-X-1-.12.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: Rule 930-X-1-.12 will be amended to add and remove language.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written Comments, views, or arguments will be received by the Alabama State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at 1:30 p.m. on March 21, 2018. Comments should be directed to Tammy S. Cargile, Executive Director, at 8 Commerce Street, Suite 910, Montgomery, AL 36130-5330, or via fax at (334) 262-8716. A public hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on March 21, 2018, at 8 Commerce Street, Suite 910, Montgomery, AL 36104.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: March 21, 2018

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Rule 930-X-1-.12.

Continuing Education Requirements.

(1) For Veterinarians:

(a) Veterinarians are required to earn twenty credit hours of continuing education each year before becoming eligible for license renewal. Ten of the hours may be obtained online through completion of RACE (Registry of Approved Continuing Education) approved courses.

(b) Veterinarians unable to earn credits because of sickness or other justifiable reasons may, at the discretion of the Board, be granted an extension of time to finish credit hours. The board may require the hours to be completed at a later date. Requests for extension must be made in writing to the Board before the renewal period of licensure. Failure to make an extension request prior to the Board's last meeting of the year may require a personal appearance before the Board to make such a request. The board may, at its discretion, exempt requirements for continuing education in exceptional circumstances.

(c) At the Board's discretion, non-practicing veterinarians over seventy years old may be exempted from the continuing education requirements.

(d) At the discretion of the Board, credit hours may be earned as follows: One hour of credit for each hour of attendance at an in-depth seminar such as seminars sponsored by the AVMA, the AAHA, AAVSB CE Taskforce, State Association, various academies, schools of veterinary medicine, and other State Veterinary Associations. The Board will require twenty (20) hours per year be in the area of scientific programs approved by the Board, ~~except only a maximum of five (5) hours may be given for verifiable audio, video, compendium journal and computer review per year.~~ Twenty (20) hours may be in practice management or local or state association business meetings. A maximum of one (1) hour credit will be given per local or state association business meetings. ~~To be included in the 20 CE hours per year, two (2) credit hours per year in the area shall be Pharmacological review and or law review, all courses are subject to review by the Board.~~

(e) Each veterinarian must keep a record of credit hours earned and proof of attendance of said hours. CE audits for practicing licensed veterinarians will be conducted at the time of premises evaluation. Each year he or she will be required to certify ~~as to~~ the number of credit hours earned on a form ~~to be~~ provided by the Board. The form will be mailed to each veterinarian at the time of annual renewal.

(f) New graduates do not have to comply with this continuing education requirement until the next full calendar year after graduation licensure.

(g) The ASBVME may periodically renew local, state, or online CE programs to determine whether they meet the standard expected by the Board.

(2) For Licensed Veterinary Technicians:

(a) The applicant must verify yearly that he or she has finished at least eight hours of continuing education during the preceding year. All eight hours may be obtained online through completion of RACE-approved courses.

(b) At the discretion of the Board, credit hours may be earned in person as follows: A minimum of six hours of continuing education in scientific programs approved by the Board, the remaining two hours may be in verifiable audio, video, compendium journal and computer review, or one of the two hours may be given for state or local association meetings.

(c) Licensed veterinary technicians unable to earn credits because of sickness or other justifiable reasons may, at the discretion of the Board, be granted an extension of time to complete the CE requirements. The board may require the hours to be completed at a later date. Requests for an extension must be made in writing to the Board before the renewal period of licenseure. Failure to make an extension request prior to the Board's last meeting of the year may require a personal appearance before the Board to make such a request. The board may, at its discretion, exempt the requirement for continuing education in exceptional circumstances.

(d) Hours will be accumulated on a yearly basis from January to December.

(e) Each licensed veterinary technician must keep record of credit hours earned and proof of attendance of said hours shall be submitted annually. Each year he or she will be required to certify as to the number of credit hours earned on a form to be provided by the Board.

(f) New graduates do not have to comply with this continuing education requirement until the next full calendar year after graduation licensure.

*Author: Alabama State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, §34-29-69
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