

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

## Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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## Legal Notice

### Arkansas Veterinary Medical Examining Board

The Arkansas Veterinary Medical Examining Board is proposing new rules and amendments to its existing rules as follows:

**Rules of the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Examining Board:** In response to Act 315 of 2019, the amended rule replaces the word “regulation” with “rule.” It also clarifies that the Board’s principal office is its physical address.

**Fees:** Amendments to the existing rule include waiving application and renewal fees connected to certain members of the military and their spouses, adding veterinary technologists to the same fee section as veterinary technicians and updating some outdated terminology.

**Continuing Education:** Amendments to the existing rule include streamlining topic requirements, increasing the number of hours that can be obtained online and specifying which programs are accepted by the Board without additional approval. The amended rule increases the number of annual hours for veterinary technicians and technologists from six (6) hours to twelve (12) hours. Annual hours for veterinarians remain the same at twenty (20) hours, but the amended rule requires two (2) of those hours to cover controlled substances. Finally, the amended rule specifies that continuing education records need to be kept for three (3) years.

**Veterinary Technology – Levels of Supervision:** In response to Act 169 of 2019, the proposed new rule establishes a list of job duties that a certified veterinary technician or technologist may be allowed to perform under the immediate, direct, or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

**Military Automatic Licensure:** In response to Act 820 of 2019, the proposed new rule establishes a process by which the Board can issue automatic licensure to certain members of the military and their spouses.

**Pre-Licensure Criminal Background Check and Waiver Request:** In response to Act 990 of 2019, the proposed new rule establishes a process for an individual to petition the Board for a determination about whether their criminal conviction disqualifies them from licensure and, if so, whether they can obtain a waiver from the Board.

**Reciprocity and Temporary Permits:** In response to Acts 426 and 1011 of 2019, the proposed new rule establishes a process for reciprocal licensure for veterinarians and specifies when a temporary permit can be issued.

Comments can be mailed to: Arkansas Department of Agriculture – Veterinary Medical Examining Board, Attn: Cara Tharp, 1 Natural Resources Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205, or emailed to [cara.tharp@agriculture.arkansas.gov](mailto:cara.tharp@agriculture.arkansas.gov)

Comments will be accepted beginning February 14, 2020, until the close of business on March 14, 2020.

The proposed rules can be viewed on the website at:

<https://arvetboard.statesolutions.us/public/>

## Linda Luebke

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**From:** Cara Tharp  
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Good morning, Gregg,

Please run the attached notice in the paper on February 14, 15 and 16, 2020. You can send the invoice for the ad to my attention. Would you mind confirming that you received this email?

Thank you,

Cara

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