

BEFORE THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of)
ARM 24.225.301 definitions,)
24.225.425 nonroutine applications,)
24.225.501 temporary permits,)
24.225.503 veterinarian licenses,)
24.225.504 veterinarian examinations,)
24.225.507 licensure of out-of-state)
veterinarians, 24.225.511 continuing)
education, and 24.225.513 continuing)
education instructors; the transfer of)
24.225.410 (24.225.514) record-)
keeping standards, 24.225.415)
(24.225.520) management of)
infectious wastes, and 24.225.420)
(24.225.521) inspection and)
sanitation; and the repeal of)
24.225.502 occasional case)
exemption)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On April 27, 2018, the Board of Veterinary Medicine published MAR Notice No. 24-225-40 regarding the public hearing on the proposed amendment, transfer, and repeal of the above-stated rules, at page 774 of the 2018 Montana Administrative Register, Issue No. 8.

2. On May 22, 2018, a public hearing was held on the proposed amendment, transfer, and repeal of the above-stated rules in Helena. Several comments were received by the May 25, 2018, deadline.

3. The board has thoroughly considered the comments received. A summary of the comments and the board responses are as follows:

COMMENT 1: The proposed title for ARM 24.225.503 is "Veterinarian Licenses." This rule describes the license application requirements for veterinarians who are not currently licensed in another jurisdiction. The proposed title for ARM 24.225.507 is "Licensure of Out-of-State Veterinarians" and describes the license application requirements for veterinarians who are currently licensed out-of-state. The title of ARM 24.225.503 could mislead applicants to believe this rule applies to all veterinarian applicants. The commenter recommended the board amend the titles to avoid confusion.

RESPONSE 1: The board agrees with the comment and is amending the rules accordingly.

COMMENT 2: Multiple commenters expressed support for the proposed rule changes.

RESPONSE 2: The board appreciates all comments received during the rulemaking process.

4. The board has amended ARM 24.225.301, 24.225.425, 24.225.501, 24.225.504, 24.225.511, and 24.225.513 as proposed.

5. The board has transferred ARM 24.225.410 (24.225.514), 24.225.415 (24.225.520), and 24.225.420 (24.225.521) as proposed.

6. The board has repealed ARM 24.225.502 as proposed.

7. The board has amended ARM 24.225.503 and 24.225.507 with the following changes, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

24.225.503 VETERINARIAN LICENSES LICENSE REQUIREMENTS – ORIGINAL APPLICANTS (1) through (4) remain as proposed.

24.225.507 ~~LICENSURE OF VETERINARIAN LICENSE REQUIREMENTS – OUT-OF-STATE VETERINARIANS APPLICANTS~~ (1) through (3) remain as proposed.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
REBECCA MATTIX, DVM, PRESIDENT

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

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