

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
TITLE 16. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL REGULATIONS  
**DIVISION 20. VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD**

**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION FOR SECTION 100 FILING**

Location of Offices and Wellness Evaluation Committee (WEC)

Assembly Bill (AB) 1535 (Chapter 631, Statutes of 2021) was approved by the Governor on October 7, 2021 and became effective January 1, 2022 (copy attached). Among other things, it renamed a committee(s) of the Board, from “diversion evaluation committee” to “wellness evaluation committee.”

Pursuant to title 1, division 1, chapter 1, article 2, section 100(b)(3), of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) submits this written statement explaining why the proposal to amend section 2000 of article 1, amend section 2070 of article 7, and amend sections 2075, 2076, 2077, 2079, 2080, 2081, and 2082 of article 8 and repeal section 2085.4 of article 9 of division 20 of title 16 of the CCR does not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription, or other regulatory element of any CCR provision.

Subject to the approval of the Office of Administrative Law, the Board proposes to amend section 2000 of article 1, amend section 2070 of article 7, and amend sections 2075, 2076, 2077, 2079, 2080, 2081, and 2082 of article 8 and repeal section 2085.4 of article 9 of division 20 of title 16 of the CCR.

**ARTICLE 1.  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. Amend section 2000. Location of Offices.**

The Board proposes to remove a reference to the Board’s old address and provide the Board’s present address. The Board relocated in December of 2014 and amending this section will provide the public with the accurate location of the Board offices, while being a change without regulatory effect.

**ARTICLE 7.  
FEES**

**ARTICLE 8.  
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE DIVERSION PROGRAM  
FOR VETERINARIANS AND REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS**

**2. Replace Instances of “Diversion” with “Wellness”**

To align with AB 1535, as noted above, the Board proposes to replace instances of the words “diversion” or “Diversion” with “wellness” or “Wellness” to reflect updated program and committee names. Such changes would be made to the following, as provided in the proposed regulatory language: section 2070 title; article 8 title; and sections 2070, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2079, 2080, 2081, and 2082. These amendments will improve clarity and align the Board’s regulations with its statutory authority, while being changes without regulatory effect.

**ARTICLE 9.  
CONTINUING EDUCATION: VETERINARIAN**

**3. Repeal section 2085.4**

The Board proposes to repeal section 2085.4, as it became inoperative on December 31, 2003.