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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT	Agenda Item 9E. Section 2068.7, Article 6, Division 20, Title 16 of the CCR Regarding Limited Term RVT Examination Eligibility Window
FROM	Jessica Sieferman, Executive Officer
то	Veterinary Medical Board
DATE	July 14, 2020

California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 2068.7 provides requirements for applicants who apply to take the RVT State Board Examination from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Pursuant to CCR section 2068.7, subsection (c), this section became inoperative on January 1, 2010. To avoid confusion and clean up the Board's regulations, Board staff recommends repealing CCR section 2068.7.

Pursuant to CCR, title 1, section 100, the Board is authorized to add to, revise, or delete regulatory text without complying with the usual rulemaking procedure under Article 5 of the Administrative Procedure Act if the change does not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription or other regulatory element of any CCR provision. Since CCR section 2068.7 has sunsetted pursuant to its own terms, repealing this section would not have any regulatory effect. Accordingly, repealing this regulation through the CCR section 100 process is appropriate.

Action Requested

Please consider whether CCR section 2068.7 should be repealed. If the members agree to repeal the regulation, please entertain a motion to repeal CCR section 2068.7 and direct the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the section 100 rulemaking process, make any technical or non-substantive changes to the rulemaking package, and adopt the proposed regulatory changes.

Attachment:

1. Proposed regulatory amendment repealing CCR section 2068.7

California Code of Regulations Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations Division 20. Veterinary Medical Board

LIMITED TERM RVT EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY WINDOW PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Changes to the regulatory language are shown in single strikethrough for deleted text.

Repeal Section 2068.7 of Article 6 of Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

§ 2068.7. Limited Term RVT Examination Eligibility Window.

- (a) A person who applies to take the RVT State Board Examination from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 may qualify for that examination if the applicant, in lieu of a two-year curriculum in animal health technology, meets the criteria set forth below, which are deemed to be "equivalent" to the two-year curriculum in animal health technology pursuant to Section 4841.5 of the code.
- (1) The applicant has at least 7360 hours of directed clinical practice, completed in no less than five years within the six years immediately preceding application and no less than 24 hours of education in fundamentals of veterinary technology. The directed clinical practice shall have been under the direct supervision of a California-licensed veterinarian who shall attest to the completion of that experience and the competency of the applicant at the time of application to the Board for the registered veterinary technician examination.
- (2) The directed clinical practice required in subsection (a) shall have provided the applicant with knowledge, skills and abilities in the areas of communication with clients, patient examinations, emergency procedures, laboratory procedures, diagnostic imaging, surgical assisting, anesthesia, animal nursing, nutrition, dentistry, animal behavior and pharmacology. The supervising veterinarian(s) shall complete a checklist approved by the Board (Form 26A-2 (9/08)), attesting to proficiency in specific skill areas within the preceding categories.

- (b) The education required in paragraph (a)(1) may have been completed within the 7360 hours of clinical directed practice and must be from a postsecondary academic institution or a qualified instructor as defined by Section 2068.5 subsections (e-f). The education shall be accumulated in the fundamentals and principles of all of the following subjects:
- (1) Dental prophylaxis and extraction;
- (2) Anesthetic instrumentation, induction and monitoring;
- (3) Surgical nursing and assisting, including instrumentation, suturing techniques, and application of casts and splints;
- (4) Radiology and radiation safety; and
- (5) Diseases and nursing of animals, including zoonotic diseases and emergency veterinary care.

The candidate is required to provide the Board with a proof of completion of each course or instruction and documentation of attendance in the form of a certificate of attendance, official transcript or letter on official stationary signed by the course instructor documenting the candidate attended the particular course.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2010.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4841.5, Business and Professions Code.