



# MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	October 10, 2022
<b>TO</b>	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
<b>FROM</b>	Jessica Sieferman, Executive Officer
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 9.B. Amend BPC Section 4846 Regarding Veterinarian Applicant License Verification from Other Jurisdictions</b>

**Background**

Assembly Bill (AB) [1535](#) (Committee on Business and Professions, Chapter 631, Statutes of 2021), among other things, repealed and added Business and Professions Code (BPC) section [4846](#), which outlines the requirements to obtain a license to practice veterinary medicine in California.

BPC Section 4846 states, in pertinent part, the following:

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(b) The applicant shall disclose each state, Canadian province, or United States territory in which the applicant currently holds or has ever held a license to practice veterinary medicine. License verification, including any disciplinary or enforcement history, must be directly submitted to the board from each state, Canadian province, or United States territory.

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As written, the statute implies each state, Canadian province, or United States territory directly submits the license verification to the Board. However, multiple state boards currently provide license verifications from searchable data bases accessible through their website. Much like BreEZe, these data bases are updated daily and, according to the state boards, act as primary source documentation.

As an example, Washington State’s [Provider Credential Search](#) serves as a “Primary Source for Verification of Credentials” and provides a printable pdf for license verification. Board staff can then attach that license verification in the BreEZe application.

While Board staff is confident this satisfies the intent of BPC section 4846, subdivision (b), the Board should consider amending the statute to require the verifications come

from each state, Canadian province, or United States territory, but not necessarily require a direct action (i.e., directly submitting to the Board) from those jurisdictions.

As such, Board staff recommend seeking the following legislative amendment (proposed additions in underlined blue text; proposed deletions in ~~red-strikethrough text~~):

(b) The applicant shall disclose each state, Canadian province, or United States territory in which the applicant currently holds or has ever held a license to practice veterinary medicine. The board shall obtain license verification, including any disciplinary or enforcement history, ~~must be directly submitted to the board~~ from each state, Canadian province, or United States territory in which the applicant has identified the applicant currently holds or has ever held a license to practice veterinary medicine.

**Action Requested:**

If the Board agrees with staff's recommendation, please entertain a motion to approve submission of the legislative proposal to the California State Legislature to amend BPC Section 4846, subdivision (b).