



# MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	June 27, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
<b>FROM</b>	Jeffrey Olguin, Administration Analyst
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 17.D. Outreach</b>

## **California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act—2024 Edition**

On April 15, 2024, the Board announced its 2024 Edition of the [California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act \(Practice Act\)](#) was available on the Board's website. It also informed its subscribers that a printed version of the Practice Act was also available for purchase through [LexisNexis](#).

## **Inspector Recruitment—Sonoma and Fresno Counties**

On April 25, 2024, the Board distributed information to its email subscribers in Sonoma and Fresno counties requesting interested individuals apply to serve as inspectors for the Board’s Enforcement Program. As part of the recruitment, licensees were required to submit an application, references, and meet certain selection criteria requirements, including (1) having a valid and current license with the Board, (2) having at least five years of clinical practice experience within the six years immediately preceding the application, and (3) having no past or current disciplinary action taken against the licensee’s license in this or any other state, district, or territory. Qualified licensees were selected, provided training, and will soon be conducting inspections for the Board.

## **Military Personnel and their Spouses—Webinar**

On May 29, 2024, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) provided a military licensing and resources webinar. The webinar included informative information for both service members and their spouses on general licensing requirements in California. The training also included information about the [Federal Professional License Portal and State Registration process](#).

The Board shared this information with its email subscribers.

## **Board Member Recruitment—Two (2) Public Members and One (1) Veterinarian**

On June 6, 2024, the Board notified its social media subscribers about the three Board vacancies. The Board’s recruitment post indicated one (1) public member vacancy appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, one (1) public member vacancy appointed

by the Governor, and one (1) veterinarian vacancy appointed by the Governor that needed to be filled. The social media posting included a link to DCA's Appointment Information page and interested individuals were encouraged to apply.

### **Expedited Licensure for Servicemembers Using the SkillBridge Program**

[Assembly Bill \(AB\) 883](#), which went into effect July 1, 2024, requires the Board to expedite the initial licensure for an applicant who is an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces and is enrolled in the U.S. Department of Defense's (DoD's) SkillBridge Program.

The [DoD's SkillBridge Program](#) allows these servicemembers who are within 180 days of earning their military discharged to gain training and work experience in high-demand fields.

In July, the Board announced this change to its subscribers. DCA and the Board worked together to ensure that the online applications were updated to permit eligible applicants to submit the applicable documentation and receive expedited processing.