



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health – Veterinary Board of Governors

Subject of possible rule making: Eligibility for examination as veterinary technician. The Veterinary Board of Governors (board) is considering amending WAC 246-935-060 to specifically address the requirements in subsection (4) to provide greater public protection. The board will consider amending the rule to require out-of-state applicants to receive direct experience in the veterinary technician's scope of practice. To achieve this, the board will consider options such as requiring 36 months of full-time or 6,000 hours of experience as a credentialed veterinary technician for out-of-state applicants.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.92.030

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Under the requirements in subsection (4) of WAC 246-935-060, an out-of-state veterinary technician applicant is eligible to take the national examination and get licensed in Washington state as long as they have an animal health or veterinary technician credential in one or more states and 36 months of full-time experience under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

As written, subsection (4) of WAC 246-935-060 allows an unlicensed person to work for 36 months under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, obtain licensure in another state, and then apply for a Washington state license with little to no experience as a veterinary technician.

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Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) Collaborative rule making

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments: Notices will be emailed through the program's GovDelivery interested parties list. Interested parties may participate in the development of draft rules prior to a formal proposal by joining the department's interested parties list (GovDelivery), attending workshops, and providing input on draft and proposed materials. To find out more about our rulemaking and to be included on the interested parties list, please follow these steps: 1) Go to doh.wa.gov; 2) Click on the "Sign up for Updates from DOH" button on the bottom of the page; 3) Enter your contact information; 4) Click "Submit"; 5) Under the subscription preferences, check the box that says "Health Systems Quality Assurance", 6) check the box that says "Health Professions", 7) check the box that says "Veterinary Board of Governors" and then click "Submit".

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Signature

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