



State of Wisconsin
Governor Tony Evers

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Secretary-designee Randy Romanski

DATE: July 23, 2020

TO: Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

FROM: Randy Romanski, Secretary-designee
Darlene Konkle, DVM, MS, DACVIM, Administrator, Division of Animal Health

SUBJECT: VE 1-11, Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians

PRESENTED BY: Darlene Konkle, DVM, MS, DACVIM, Administrator, Division of Animal Health

REQUESTED ACTION:

At the July 23, 2020, Board meeting, the Department will request approval of a preliminary hearing and comment period for scope statement SS 064-20, regarding chs. VE 1 through 11 (Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians).

SUMMARY:

The objective of the proposed rule is to make chs. VE 1 through 11 easier to access and understand quickly. In addition, in response to public comments, the proposed scope also includes evaluating the use of telehealth technologies in the practice of veterinary medicine.

This preliminary hearing and comment period requires approval by both the Veterinary Examining Board (VEB) and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Board. Wis. Stat. s. 89.03 authorizes the VEB to promulgate rules regarding veterinarians and veterinary technicians. However, the authority to determine fees for veterinarians and veterinary technicians is vested in DATCP, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 89.063.

2015 Wisconsin Act 55 transferred the VEB from the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to DATCP. Current rules refer to the fees required under Wis. Stat. ch. 440, which is in the DSPS portion of the statutes, and does not list the dollar amounts of the fees. DATCP has continued to use the same fee amounts that DSPS used, but these amounts are not stated in chs. VE 1 through 11. Fee amounts would not be changed as a part of this proposal. However, the scope statement includes proposing that existing fee amounts be stated in rule.

The Governor approved scope statement SS 064-20 on May 15, 2020. On June 16, 2020, the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules directed the VEB to hold a preliminary public hearing and comment period, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.136 (1). The Department will also request that the VEB approve this preliminary public hearing and comment period at the July 29, 2020, VEB meeting.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR SS 064-20

**Permanent Rule Regarding Licensing, Practice Scope, and Standards of Practice for
Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians**

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (Department) and Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board (VEB) announces that, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.136 (1), it has been ordered by the Joint Committee for the Review of Administrative Rules to hold a preliminary public hearing and comment period on its proposed revised statement of scope pertaining to Wis. Admin. Code chs. VE 1-11 regarding licensing, practice scope, and standards of practice for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

The Department and VEB will hold the public hearing at the time and place shown below. The Department and VEB invites the public to attend the public hearing on the proposed statement of scope or to provide comments on the proposed statement of scope no later than Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Written public comments may be sent to the Division of Animal Health, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911 or by e-mail to Angela.Fisher1@wisconsin.gov.

Hearing Date and Location:

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
Commencing at 2:00 PM
Teleconference Line: 1-888-327-8914, Passcode 9548 531 #

You may obtain a copy of the Statement of Scope for this proposed rule by contacting the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Office of the Secretary, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8911. You may also obtain a copy by contacting the division policy analyst, Angela Fisher, at Angela.Fisher1@wisconsin.gov or by calling (608) 224-4890. Copies will also be available at the hearing. You can also access the statement of scope online at: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/register/2020/774A2/register/ss/ss_064_20/ss_064_20.

Hearing-impaired persons may request an interpreter for this hearing. Please make reservations for a hearing interpreter by August 17, 2020, by writing, calling, or emailing Angela Fisher. The hearing facility is handicap accessible.

Dated this ____ day of July, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

By _____

Dr. Robert Forbes, DVM, Chair

Dated this ____ day of July, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

By _____

Randy Romanski, Secretary-designee