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TO: Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

FROM: Randy Romanski, Secretary-designee
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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 22, 2021, Board meeting, the Department will request approval of a hearing and comment period for the attached proposed rule 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 rule also includes rule language regarding the use of telehealth technologies in the practice of veterinary medicine.

This 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 rule proposal states the existing fee amounts in rule.

The Department will also request that the VEB approve this public hearing and comment period at the July 21, 2021, VEB meeting.

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