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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation(s)	18VAC150-20-10 et seq.
Regulation title(s)	Regulations Governing the Practice of Veterinary Medicine
Action title	Reduction of reinstatement fee for veterinary establishments
Final agency action date	July 15, 2015
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Brief summary

Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, proposed amendments to the existing regulation, or the regulation proposed to be repealed. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Pursuant to § 2.2- 4006 A 6 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Veterinary Medicine adopted an amendment to reduce the reinstatement fee for veterinary establishments from \$350 to \$75. When fees were increased in 2013, the amendments were intended to set the reinstatement fee to be inclusive of the renewal fee, the late fee, and a fee for processing an application. Section 185 was supposed to be amended to eliminate the renewal and late fee for reinstatement of an establishment license but that section was overlooked, so the current regulation requires a renewal fee (\$200), a late fee (\$75), **and** a reinstatement fee (\$350) for a total of \$625 rather than the inclusive fee of \$350 as intended. To implement the intent of the Board as soon as possible,

the reinstatement fee for establishments is being reduced to \$75, which will result in a total fee of \$350. The fee for reinspection of an establishment is \$300 and is a separate charge.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.

On July 15, 2015, the Board of Veterinary Medicine amended 18VAC150-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Veterinary Medicine.

Family impact

Please assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

There is no impact on the family.