



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18VAC150-20-10 et seq.
Regulation title	Regulations Governing the Practice of Veterinary Medicine
Action title	Restricted volunteer license
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

House Bill 1222 of the 2008 General Assembly amended § [54.1-3801](#) of the Code of Virginia, which sets out exemptions for which the requirement for licensure as a veterinarian does not apply. That includes (changes to Code section noted):

4. Veterinarians providing free care in underserved areas of Virginia who (i) do not regularly practice veterinary medicine in Virginia, (ii) hold a current valid license or certificate to practice veterinary medicine in another state, territory, district or possession of the United States, (iii) volunteer to provide free care in an underserved area of this Commonwealth under the auspices of a publicly supported all volunteer, nonprofit organization ~~with no paid employees~~ that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people ~~throughout the world~~, (iv) file copies of their licenses or certificates issued in such other jurisdiction with the Board, (v) notify the Board at least ~~fifteen~~ *five business* days prior to the voluntary provision of services of the dates and location of such service, and (vi) acknowledge, in writing, that such licensure

exemption shall only be valid, in compliance with the Board's regulations, during the limited period that such free health care is made available through the volunteer, nonprofit organization on the dates and at the location filed with the Board. The Board may deny the right to practice in Virginia to any veterinarian whose license has been previously suspended or revoked, who has been convicted of a felony or who is otherwise found to be in violation of applicable laws or regulations. *However, the board shall allow a veterinarian who meets the above criteria to provide volunteer services without prior notice for a period of up to three days, provided the nonprofit organization verifies that the practitioner has a valid, unrestricted license in another state.*

The amendments to section 135 of the regulations are promulgated as an exempt action because they are: “*Necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act where no agency discretion is involved.*” (§ 2.2-4006. 4 A 4)

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 May 14, 2008, the Board of Veterinary Medicine amended section 135 of 18VAC150-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Veterinary Medicine.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no impact on the institution of the family and family stability.