

VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Enabling Laws

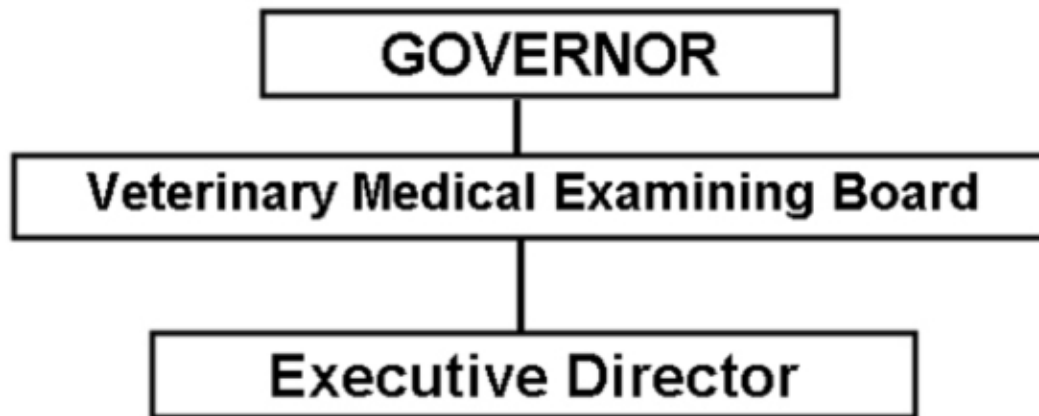
Act 17 of 2010
A.C.A. §17-101-201

History and Organization

MISSION: To administer the veterinary statutes with the highest degree of integrity, competence and efficiency commensurate with the professional standards of veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY: To examine and determine the qualifications and fitness of applicants to practice general veterinary medicine or any specialty area thereof, and certification of veterinary technicians; to issue, renew, deny, suspend or revoke licenses or certificates or otherwise discipline veterinarians or veterinary technicians; to conduct investigations on persons practicing veterinary medicine without a license.

PRIMARY ACTIVITIES: 1) Administer the Written State Jurisprudence Exam once a year to all qualified veterinary applicants; 2) Grant a license to those who pass the State Board and otherwise qualify; 3) Evaluate qualifications of education, skill and experience for certification of a person as a veterinary technician; 4) Annually register all DVM's and CVT's and issue them a certificate to practice; 5) Investigate violations of the Veterinary Medical Practice Act and Regulations and take disciplinary action where appropriate; 6) Monitor mandatory continuing professional education on DVM's and CVT's who hold a license or certificate to practice; and 7) Hold formal or informal hearings when needed.



Agency Commentary

The Arkansas Veterinary Medical Examining Board is responsible for safeguarding the people of the State of Arkansas against dishonest, incompetent and unprincipled practitioners of veterinary medicine. The Agency also has the power to issue citations to persons who unlawfully practice veterinary medicine in the state. Funding for the appropriation for the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Examining Board is based solely on revenues collected from yearly renewal and license fees and fines.

The Board is requesting Base Level of \$112,883 in each year of the biennium. This will provide appropriation for the operations of the Board to administer the veterinary statutes with the highest degree of integrity, competence and efficiency.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
 AUDIT OF :
 VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Findings

Five board members were reimbursed a total of \$1,080 for meals while attending board meetings without an overnight stay, which is a departure from State travel regulations which states reimbursement for meals is only allowed in connection with overnight travel. The

Recommendations

Comply with State travel regulations and contact the Department of Finance and Administration to determine the appropriate resolution of any overpaid travel reimbursements.

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Agency also purchased food for each of the board meetings. Travel regulations also emphasize that travel reimbursement is not a per diem and is to be claimed for actual expenses for meals and lodging, not to exceed the maximum allowable rates as listed in the Federal Travel Directory.

Recommendations

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	0	1	1	100 %
Black Employees	0	0	0	0 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			0	0 %
Total Employees			1	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Annual Report	A.C.A. 17-101-1 et seq.	N	N	1,500	Keeps the public and DVM's informed of the actions taken during Board Meetings.
Mission Statement	A.C.A. 17-101-1 et seq.	N	N	5	To inform the Governor if our Mission Statement changes from year to year.

A.C.A. 25-1-204

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		Governor	General Assembly		
Veterinary Practice Act & Regulations Booklets	A.C.A. 17-101-1 et seq.	N	N	500	Published every five years to inform the public and DVM's of the Board's rules & regulations.

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2008 - 2009					FY2009 - 2010					FY2010 - 2011							
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total		
1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %	1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %	1	1	0	1	0	0.00 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 470 - Veterinary Medical Examining Board

Funding Sources: SXV - Veterinary Medical Examining Board

The Veterinary Medical Examining Board is responsible for determining the qualifications of applicants for a license to practice general veterinary medicine or any specialty area and certification of veterinary technicians. The Board was created by Arkansas Code Annotated §17-101-201 and is funded by special revenues derived from fees charged its member constituents.

Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Career Service Payments. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries includes board member stipend payments.

The Agency requests Base Level of \$112,883 in each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	2011-2012			2012-2013		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	56,873	57,757	57,517	56,857	56,857	56,857	56,857	56,857	56,857
#Positions		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Extra Help	5010001	5,200	9,775	9,775	9,775	9,775	9,775	9,775	9,775	9,775
#Extra Help		2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Personal Services Matching	5010003	15,579	16,843	16,444	16,702	16,702	16,702	16,702	16,702	16,702
Operating Expenses	5020002	14,280	14,848	14,848	14,848	14,848	14,848	14,848	14,848	14,848
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	281	281	281	281	281	281	281	281
Professional Fees	5060010	3,925	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rent/Member Reimbursement	5900046	4,332	11,571	11,571	11,571	11,571	11,571	11,571	11,571	11,571
Total		100,189	113,924	113,285	112,883	112,883	112,883	112,883	112,883	112,883

Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	325,664	329,365		321,441	321,441	321,441	308,558	308,558	308,558
Special Revenue	4000030	103,890	106,000		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total Funding		429,554	435,365		421,441	421,441	421,441	408,558	408,558	408,558
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(329,365)	(321,441)		(308,558)	(308,558)	(308,558)	(295,675)	(295,675)	(295,675)
Grand Total		100,189	113,924		112,883	112,883	112,883	112,883	112,883	112,883

The FY11 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to matching rate adjustments during the 2009-2011 biennium.