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Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 10:33 AM
To: OPLC: Rules <OPLC-Rules@oplcnh.gov>
Subject: Re: Public Hearing for Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Dear Members of the Veterinary Board,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed repeal of Vet 304 on licensure by reciprocity and the adoption of Vet 307 on conditional licensure. I understand the changes are prompted by legislative updates, but I believe this shift may create unnecessary barriers for experienced veterinary practitioners seeking to serve in our state.

Given the standardized training and accreditation now implemented across veterinary colleges in the United States, veterinarians licensed in one state should already meet the qualifications necessary to practice in another state. The rigorous education and licensing process ensures that practitioners possess the skills and knowledge required to deliver quality care, regardless of their initial licensing state.

Additionally, many states continue to uphold reciprocity agreements, recognizing the value of allowing licensed practitioners to obtain licensure in new states efficiently. In my own experience, licensure by reciprocity has been instrumental in facilitating my ability to work across state lines. This system has proven to be both practical and effective, ensuring public safety while reducing administrative burdens for practitioners and state boards alike.

The move to conditional licensure could place New Hampshire at odds with practices in other states, potentially deterring qualified veterinarians from seeking licensure here. At a time when access to veterinary care is critical, it is essential to encourage mobility for skilled practitioners rather than create additional hurdles.

I urge the Board to reconsider the repeal of Vet 304 and to maintain a system of reciprocity that aligns with the standards and practices upheld by most other states. This approach would continue to uphold public safety while ensuring the profession remains accessible and adaptable to the needs of our communities.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I am happy to discuss this further if needed.

Sincerely,

Allen Wachter

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On Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 at 1:15 PM, Office of Professional Licensure and Certification <oplc.noreply@oplc.nh.gov> wrote:

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.



Public Hearing for Veterinary Medicine

Dear Licensee,

We would like to inform you of a public hearing is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.** at OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301. The Board of Veterinary Medicine is proposing rule changes to Vet 301, Vet 302, Vet 303, and Vet 304, among others.

Summary of Key Proposals:

- **Vet 301:** Amendments to application procedures to align with Plc 304 on initial licensure;

- **Vet 302:** Clarifications to the qualifications for licensure;
- **Vet 303:** Amendments to provide clarity on examination subjects, passing grades, and the retention policy for jurisprudence examinations; and
- **Vet 304:** Repeal of licensure by reciprocity and adoption of new rules on conditional licensure (Vet 307) in compliance with RSA 332-B:11 updates.

How to Participate:

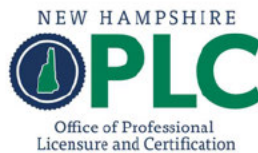
You are welcome to attend the hearing in person or via [Zoom](#). Written comments may be submitted by email to OPLC-Rules@oplc.nh.gov. The deadline for submitting written comments is **Monday, February 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

For more details:

- [View the Initial Proposal](#)
- [View the Rulemaking Notice](#)

Thank you,

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification





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