

Agency Purpose

The Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was created in 1893 under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 156. The Board is the licensing agency for practitioners of veterinary medicine in the state of Minnesota. The Board is to protect human and animal health and welfare through the regulation of veterinarians in Minnesota. Regulation is accomplished through licensure examination and renewal, registration of professional firms as well as the investigation of complaints regarding veterinary care and unlicensed practice.

The mission of the Board is:

- ◆ to promote the public's interest in receiving quality veterinary care from competent veterinarians by ensuring that veterinarians' qualifications meet the specifications established by the Board; and
- ◆ to protect the public by ensuring that all licensees provide competent veterinary care.

Core Functions

The Board accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ setting and administering educational requirements and examination standards for licensure as a veterinarian;
- ◆ setting standards of practice and conduct for licensees and pursuing educational or disciplinary action with licensees to ensure standards are met;
- ◆ responding to public and agency inquiries, complaints and reports regarding licensure and conduct on applicants, licensees and unlicensed practitioners; and
- ◆ providing information and education about licensure requirements and standards of practice to the public and other interested parties.

Operations

The Board serves the consumers of veterinary services by licensing as veterinarians only those individuals the board has determined meet the educational, character and examination requirements they have established. The board also serves the public by investigation of complaints regarding veterinary care and, when necessary, initiating corrective or disciplinary action against licensees who fail to maintain professional standards. The board serves the veterinary community by verifying and approving applicant credentials for entrance into the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination and for licensure in Minnesota and verifies licensure status to other state and federal agencies and the public.

Key Goals

- ◆ Maintain excellence in veterinary regulation.
- ◆ Enhance and expand online services to licensees and the public.
- ◆ Prompt investigation of complaints and disciplinary matters.
- ◆ Continue outreach to the profession regarding regulatory changes and professional responsibilities.

Key Measures

- ◆ Currently the Board has 71% of its licensees using the online renewal service.
- ◆ 70% increase in the number of consumer complaints filed since 1998.
- ◆ 15% increase in total numbers of licensees since 1998.
- ◆ Public protection – the Board's website offers several services to the public including viewing disciplinary orders, access to information on complaint process and obtaining forms and information regarding how to file a complaint, viewing disciplinary history of individual licensees.
- ◆ Online services – the Board offers license verification, address and contact information changes, license renewals and information for licensees and the public.

At A Glance

Minnesota Licensed Veterinarians Statistics

(As of June 30, 2008)

Total Licensed:	3,046
New Licensees:	161
Total Complaints:	80
Total Resolved Complaints:	56
CE Courses Approved:	54
Online License Renewals:	70.5%

Staff: 1.75 Full-time equivalent employees

- ◆ Public information – Board website, newsletters, presentations, public outreach, brochures, real people answering the phone during business hours.
- ◆ Licenses are issued within 24 hours of an applicant meeting all requirements.
- ◆ License verifications are issued to other licensing jurisdictions within 24 hours of receipt of request and meeting all requirements.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2008-09 are estimated to be \$738,000, which includes 1.75 full time equivalent employees. Direct expenditures include salaries, rent and other operating expenditures. The Board receives a direct appropriation for these costs. Indirect expenditures include costs of services received by the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, and the Administrative Services Unit. The Board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures.

The Board is estimated to collect \$635,000 in FY 2008-09, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is collected from fees charged to applicants, licensees, continuing education course approval, license verification and professional firms.

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The website at: <http://www.vetmed.state.mn.us/> gives visitors easy access to useful information about veterinary medicine. Types of information available through the website include: licensing and complaint information, Minnesota statutes and rules, disciplinary actions taken by the Board, public notices and forms.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2010-11
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	284	195	195	195	390
Forecast Base	284	195	195	195	390
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					-18.6%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Carry Forward					
State Government Spec Revenue	4	6	0	0	0
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	185	294	195	195	390
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	8	10	10	10	20
Total	197	310	205	205	410
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	143	146	147	150	297
Other Operating Expenses	54	164	58	55	113
Total	197	310	205	205	410
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Veterinary Medicine, Board Of	197	310	205	205	410
Total	197	310	205	205	410
Full-Time Equivalentents (FTE)	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2008	Budgeted FY2009	Current Law		Biennium 2010-11
			FY2010	FY2011	
<i>Non Dedicated Revenue:</i>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	320	326	326	326	652
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	320	326	326	326	652
<i>Dedicated Receipts:</i>					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue	320	326	326	326	652