

### Agency Purpose

The Board of Veterinary Medicine was established under the authority of M.S. Ch. 156. The board is the licensing agency for practitioners of veterinary medicine in the state of Minnesota. The board was created in 1893 to protect human and animal health and welfare through the regulation of veterinarians. Regulation is accomplished through licensure examination and renewal, as well as the investigation of complaints.

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 of Veterinary Medicine is made up of seven members that are appointed by the governor; five are veterinarians and two are public, non-veterinary members.
- ⇒ There are three-two small animal and one large animal--complaint committees that include both veterinarians and public members. Board members also serve as representatives to the Health Professional Services Program and the Council of Health Boards.
- ⇒ On a daily basis board staff process applications for licensure; gather information on complaints; approve, license, and audit continuing education programs; and respond to numerous inquiries from the public and licensees.
- ⇒ 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. The board also serves the public by investigating complaints and, when necessary, initiating corrective or disciplinary action against licensees who fail to maintain professional standards. The board serves the veterinary community by verifying applicant credentials for entrance into the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination and verifying licensure status to state and federal agencies and the public.

### Key Measures

- ⇒ In FY 2006 the board reviewed and approved 139 new applications for licensure, renewed 1,475 licenses, and opened 89 complaint cases.
- ⇒ The board approved 49 continuing education courses and audited 46 in FY 2006.
- ⇒ Currently the board has 71% of its licensees using the online renewal service.

### At A Glance

#### Biennial Budget - FY 2006-07

**Total Estimated Expenses:** \$523,000

**Total Estimated Revenues:** \$593,000

**Staff:** 1.75 Full-time equivalent employees

#### Minnesota Licensed Veterinarians Statistics

(As of June 30, 2006)

**Total Licensed:** 2,955

**Budget**

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2006-07 are estimated to be \$523,000, 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 \$593,000 in FY 2006-07, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is collected from fees charged to applicants, licensees, and professional firms.

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The web site at: <http://www.vetmed.state.mn.us/> gives visitors easy access to useful information about veterinary medicine. Types of information available through the web site 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 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<b><u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u></b>					
<b>General</b>					
Current Appropriation	7	0	0	0	0
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					-100%
<b>State Government Spec Revenue</b>					
Current Appropriation	171	171	171	171	342
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>342</b>
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					0%
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>					
<b>Direct Appropriations</b>					
General	7	0	0	0	0
State Government Spec Revenue	157	185	171	171	342
<b>Open Appropriations</b>					
State Government Spec Revenue	8	8	8	8	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>358</b>
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>					
Total Compensation	134	138	140	145	285
Other Operating Expenses	38	55	39	34	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>358</b>
<b><u>Expenditures by Program</u></b>					
Veterinary Medicine, Board Of	172	193	179	179	358
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>358</b>
<b>Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	

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Agency Revenue Summary

*Dollars in Thousands*

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<b><u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u></b>					
<b>Departmental Earnings:</b>					
State Government Spec Revenue	310	310	310	310	620
<b>Other Revenues:</b>					
State Government Spec Revenue	(4)	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Non-Dedicated Receipts</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>620</b>
<b><u>Dedicated Receipts:</u></b>					
<b>Total Dedicated Receipts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Agency Total Revenue</b>					
	<b>306</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>620</b>