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<http://mn.gov/health-licensing-boards/veterinary-medicine/>

**AT A GLANCE**

- 3225 veterinarians served, 2650 active, 575 inactive, 21 suspended as of 6/30/13
- 60% of Minnesotans estimated to own animals
- Veterinarians renew licenses every two years
- Average of 150 new licensees yearly
- 72 complaints from the public investigated annually
- Funding by fees, no general fund dollars
- Two full time staff persons

**PURPOSE**

The mission of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) is to promote, preserve, and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and animals. We achieve this through the effective control and regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine on behalf of animals and their owners. We ensure Minnesota veterinarians have the education and skills needed to become licensed, and that they will work to optimize animal health. We curb the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine that endangers animals and the public.

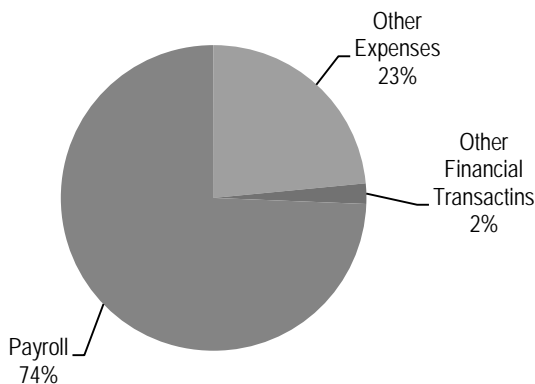
We work effectively to maintain current standards for the practice of veterinary medicine in Minnesota. These services include assessment of veterinarians' qualifications for licensure, investigation and remediation of public complaints pertaining to veterinary medicine, and provision of public access to disciplinary and corrective actions. To prevent substandard veterinary care, we monitor veterinarians' ongoing completion of continuing education and communicate strategies to optimize veterinarians' professional conduct.

The Board of Veterinary Medicine's work significantly contributes to the following statewide outcomes:

- Minnesotans have the education and skills needed to achieve their goals
- People in Minnesota are safe
- Efficient and accountable government services

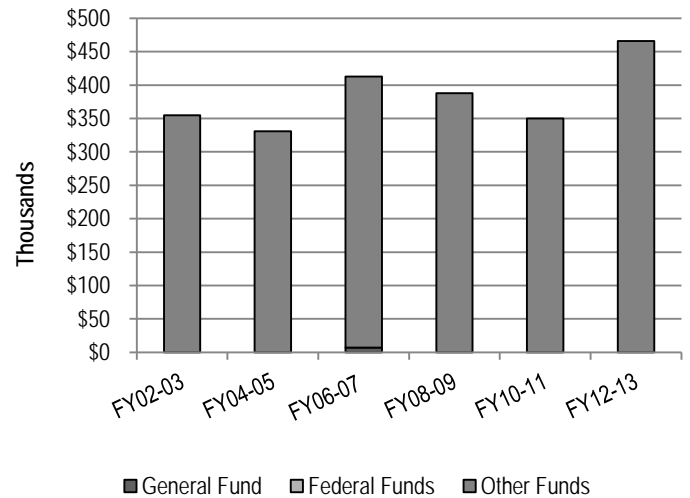
**BUDGET**

**Spending by Category  
FY 13 Actual**



Source: SWIFT

**Historical Spending**



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

Our agency is funded by dollars generated by fees paid for licensing, professional firm registration and annual reports, continuing education program approvals, and fines.

## STRATEGIES

To accomplish our mission, we utilize the following strategies:

1. Regulatory:

- ensure license applicants are qualified to practice veterinary medicine in Minnesota by careful review of credentials
- examine each license applicant's knowledge of standards of veterinary practice, laws, and rules
- evaluate declarations of any criminal charges, license discipline or insufficient continuing education
- hold veterinarians accountable for their professional conduct based on legal, ethical and professional standards
- require veterinarians to stay updated on advances in veterinary medicine through continuing education
- investigate complaints pertaining to veterinarians or unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine
- take corrective or disciplinary action if a risk to human or animal safety is identified, and determine what course of action will improve a veterinarian's performance
- register professional firms practicing veterinary medicine
- facilitate license application, license renewal, and filing of complaints via our interactive website
- provide other states with verification of the license status of a veterinarian when requested
- collaborate with the other MN government agencies: Board of Pharmacy, Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Health Professionals Services Program, Board of Animal Health, Department of Health, Racing Commission
- collaborate with federal government agencies: Drug Enforcement Agency, US Department of Agriculture, and Internal Revenue Service

2. Education:

- inform veterinarians of any regulatory changes that impact the practice of veterinary medicine
- provide education on regulatory issues via: written materials on our website, direct mail, and presentations at veterinary conferences and the University of Minnesota.
- assist the public by relaying information regarding the scope of practice of veterinary medicine, complaint process and past corrective and disciplinary action for veterinarians
- address questions posed by the media, legislature, veterinarians, public, agencies, firms, and associations

## RESULTS

| <i>Type of Measure</i> | <i>Name of Measure</i>  | <i>Previous</i> | <i>Current</i> | <i>Dates</i> |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Quantity               | Number of licensees   | 3,182           | 3,225          | FY12 & FY13  |
| Quality                | Percent of license renewals done online/electronically  | 84%             | 80.8%          | FY12 & FY13  |
| Quantity               | Number of complaints against licensees  | 58              | 62             | FY12 & FY13  |
| Quantity               | Number of complaints against non-veterinarians  | 10              | 10             | FY12 & FY13  |
| Quality                | Days from complaint receipt to complaint resolution   | 97 days         | 128 days       | FY12 & FY13  |
| Results                | Percent of complaints resulting in corrective action or discipline                                      | 21%             | 25%            | FY12 & FY13  |
| Results                | Percent of total complaints involving licensees with a previous complaint during the preceding 10 years | 8.8%            | 23.6%          | FY12 & FY13  |
| Quantity               | Professional firm renewals  | 334             | 348            | FY12 & FY13  |

*Source is the Small Board Licensing System*

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Our statutory, legal authority is granted by M.S. 156. (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=156>)

Other statutes and rules that significantly apply to the function of our board and the practice of veterinary medicine include M.S. 13, M.S. 14, M.S. 151, M.S. 152, M.S. 214, M.S. 319B, and MN Rules 9100.

**Expenditures By Fund**

|                                      | Actual     |            | Actual<br>FY14 | Estimate<br>FY15 | Forecast Base |            | Governor's<br>Recommendation |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
|                                      | FY12       | FY13       |                |                  | FY16          | FY17       | FY16                         | FY17       |
| 1201 - Health Related Boards         | 185        | 281        | 231            | 304              | 264           | 264        | 268                          | 271        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>185</b> | <b>281</b> | <b>231</b>     | <b>304</b>       | <b>264</b>    | <b>264</b> | <b>268</b>                   | <b>271</b> |
| <i>Biennial Change</i>               |            |            |                | 69               |               | (7)        |                              | 4          |
| <i>Biennial % Change</i>             |            |            |                | 15               |               | (1)        |                              | 1          |
| <i>Governor's Change from Base</i>   |            |            |                |                  |               |            |                              | 11         |
| <i>Governor's % Change from Base</i> |            |            |                |                  |               |            |                              | 2          |

**Expenditures by Program**

|                                       |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Program: Veterinary Medicine Board of | 185        | 281        | 231        | 304        | 264        | 264        | 268        | 271        |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>185</b> | <b>281</b> | <b>231</b> | <b>304</b> | <b>264</b> | <b>264</b> | <b>268</b> | <b>271</b> |

**Expenditures by Category**

|                              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Compensation                 | 157        | 209        | 191        | 199        | 205        | 206        | 208        | 209        |
| Operating Expenses           | 28         | 66         | 39         | 101        | 59         | 58         | 60         | 62         |
| Other Financial Transactions | 1          | 6          | 1          | 4          |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>185</b> | <b>281</b> | <b>231</b> | <b>304</b> | <b>264</b> | <b>264</b> | <b>268</b> | <b>271</b> |

**Full-Time Equivalent**

|  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|  | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

(Dollars in Thousands)

**1201 - Health Related Boards**

|  | Actual     |            | Actual<br>FY 14 | Estimate<br>FY15 | Forecast Base |            | Governor's<br>Recommendation |            |
|--|------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
|  | FY12       | FY 13      |                 |                  | FY16          | FY17       | FY16                         | FY17       |
| Balance Forward In                       |            | 45         |                 | 46               |               |            |                              |            |
| Direct Appropriation                     | 228        | 239        | 262             | 258              | 258           | 258        | 262                          | 265        |
| Open Appropriation                       | 2          | 0          | 0               | 0                | 6             | 6          | 6                            | 6          |
| Net Transfers                            |            |            | 15              |                  |               |            |                              |            |
| Cancellations                            |            | 3          |                 |                  |               |            |                              |            |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                      | <b>185</b> | <b>281</b> | <b>231</b>      | <b>304</b>       | <b>264</b>    | <b>264</b> | <b>268</b>                   | <b>271</b> |
| Balance Forward Out                      | 45         |            | 46              |                  |               |            |                              |            |
| <i>Biennial Change in Expenditures</i>   |            |            |                 | 69               |               | (7)        |                              | 4          |
| <i>Biennial % Change in Expenditures</i> |            |            |                 | 15               |               | (1)        |                              | 1          |
| <i>Gov's Exp Change from Base</i>        |            |            |                 |                  |               |            |                              | 11         |
| <i>Gov's Exp % Change from Base</i>      |            |            |                 |                  |               |            |                              | 2          |
| FTEs                                     | 1.9        | 2.1        | 2.1             | 2.1              | 2.1           | 2.1        | 2.1                          | 2.1        |

# Veterinary Medicine, Board of

## FY16-17 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Operating Adjustment

| Fiscal Impact (\$000s)                           | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| General Fund                                     |         |         |         |         |
| Expenditures                                     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Revenues   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Health Related Boards Fund                       |         |         |         |         |
| Expenditures                                     | 4       | 7       | 7       | 7       |
| Revenues   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Net Fiscal Impact =<br>(Expenditures – Revenues) | 4       | 7       | 7       | 7       |
| FTEs   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |

### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding for compensation related costs associated with the delivery of agency services. This amount represents an annual increase of 1.8% for General Fund compensation costs.

### Rationale/Background:

Each year, compensation costs rise due to labor contract settlements, and changes in employer-paid contributions for insurance, FICA, Medicare, retirement, and other factors. Absorbing this increase in compensation costs within existing agency base appropriations results in reduced staffing and/or reduced non-compensation spending.

### Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing agencies' general fund budgets for employee wage and benefit costs by 1.8% per year for FY 2016-17. Agencies were instructed to include a 1.8% increase to total compensation each year in their base budgets, based upon the compound annual compensation spending rate increase per FTE over the last ten years for executive branch employees. This recommendation is intended to allow agencies to maintain their current level of agency operations.

For non-General Fund direct appropriated funds, the Governor's budget recommendations also include an adjustment of 1.8% per year, where the amount can be supported by the source of revenue.

### Results:

This proposal is intended to allow agencies to continue to provide current levels of service and information to the public.

### Statutory Change(s):

N.A.