



# Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine

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*The mission of the Board is to promote, preserve, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and animals through the effective control and regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine.*

## HF 1817

Thank you, Chair Liebling and Committee Members for this opportunity to testify before you.

Amongst its many functions, this Board oversees licensing of veterinarians in the state. Five of the Board members are veterinarians and two are public members. The Board members have reviewed and discussed House File 1817.

On February 21, 2024, the veterinary college's leadership, including the new Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Dr. Naikare, discussed the proposed changes to the Veterinary Practice Act with the Board. The Board does not oppose the current Senate version of the bill (SF1773 1<sup>st</sup> Engrossment) and is willing to entrust the University to set a high bar for this license category to protect the public and animals of Minnesota. The newly eligible current five faculty who practice veterinary medicine at the Veterinary Diagnostic would become licensed, similar to veterinarians at the Board of Animal Health and veterinary pathologists employed outside of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Licensure would also make these veterinarians eligible for Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP).

As the administering agency, the Board hopes that the author, Representative Huot, and your committee will accept the requested amendments.

### **Fiscal Impact: None**

Creation of a University of Minnesota Institutional Veterinary License will require a minor change in the Board's database. No additional expense to the Board is expected.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.