

**HF3718 - 1A - Board of Veterinary Medicine Provisions Modified**

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 Agency: **Veterinary Medicine Board**

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>				-		-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
		FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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**State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details**

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\*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

<b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>		<b>Biennium</b>			<b>Biennium</b>	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

**Bill Description**

Chapter 156 establishes Minnesota’s regulatory structure for veterinary medicine, licensing, drug control, facility inspections, and discipline. The Bill represents a comprehensive modernization expanding definitions, updating licensing systems, formalizing telemedicine, and adding new regulatory categories.

**Assumptions**

The Health Professionals Regulatory Boards (Boards) currently regulate licensees and applicants for their respective Board. Each Board has well established internal procedures and obligations for enforcement of the laws and rules of the State of Minnesota including those established within individual Board practice acts and all relevant state statute including MN Statute 214.

The following sections have de minimus impact which allows small or trivial amounts to be disregarded, enabling Board or courts to treat minor matters as insignificant.

The bill removes the requirement for applicants to submit letters of reference as part of the licensing process. Eliminating this requirement reduces associated administrative tasks and removes any related fiscal impact on licensees. No additional costs are anticipated for the Board.

The bill requires that the Board creates a licensing exam for Veterinary Technicians. The Board assumes that developing this exam is within the routine responsibilities of the Executive Director and will create a de minimus impact to the Board.

The bill requires that the Board expands to a nine-member board, adding two members. Given the \$75 per diem it would be an additional \$150 per in-person meeting. The board assumes there will be three in-person meetings per board member. The Board assumes new members will be from the Twin Cities metro area and therefore will not be reimbursed for lodging and travel expenses. Therefore, the cost of adding two new additional board members is a total of \$450 and can be absorbed by the board.

All Veterinary Technician components in the bill for Veterinary Technician licensure, including exam development, can be absorbed by current staff. The 2024 Omnibus bill created the Veterinary Technician license and all application reviews, compliance checks, and complaint investigations are already planned for and will have no impact.. Updates to the ALIMS platform used by the HLBs are already planned and will address all new application submission requirements for Veterinarians and Vet Techs.

The Board communicates regularly with licensees regarding new requirements and updates. Communicating new CEU requirements can be lumped in with existing responsibilities and will result in negligible additional work for staff.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

N/A

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

No impact

**Local Fiscal Impact**

No impact

**References/Sources**

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