# State of Wisconsin Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board (VEB) announces that it will hold public hearings on the proposed new permanent rule VE 11 - Veterinary Professional Assistance Program, as well as the emergency rule, VE 11 - Veterinary Professional Assistance Program, published on November 22, 2017. At the same time, the VEB will also be taking testimony on the proposed permanent rule relating to VE 7 - Standards of Practice and Unprofessional Conduct for Veterinarians; Veterinary Complementary, Alternative, and Integrative Therapies.

The VEB will hold four public hearings at the times and places shown below.

## **Hearing Dates and Locations:**

# January 9, 2018 Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Eau Claire State Office Building – Room 129 718 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, WI

#### January 10, 2018 Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Green Bay State Office Building – Room 152A 200 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI

# January 11, 2018 Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lee Sherman Dreyfus State Office Building – Room 151 (West Entrance) 141 N.W. Barstow Street, Waukesha, WI

## January 12, 2018 Friday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Prairie Oak State Office Building – Hall of Fame Room 172 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI

The VEB invites the public to attend the hearings and comment on the proposed rule. Following the public hearings, the hearing record will remain open until January 31, 2018, for additional public comments. Comments, including those relating to small businesses, may be sent to the VEB at the address at the end of this notice, to cheryl.daniels@wisconsin.gov, or to http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/comment

You may obtain a free copy of the hearing draft and related documents, including the economic impact analysis, by contacting the VEB (information at the end of this notice.) Copies will also be available at the hearing. To view the hearing draft rules online, go to <a href="http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/comment">http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/comment</a>.

## **Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

This rule change is anticipated to have an effect on small business, as many veterinarian professionals practice in small businesses. However, as the rule are designed for early identification and treatment of alcohol and other drug and mental health impairments in veterinary professionals, this should have a positive impact on veterinary small businesses in assisting with professional assessment and treatment before the impairment affects the practice. In addition, this rule will also ensure that persons, subject to these rules, are on notice as to procedures, within the VEB's jurisdiction, that will be utilized in the disciplinary process. Finally, the cost of the program will be absorbed within the current budget of the VEB and no additional fees will be assessed against credential holders to pay for the program.

#### **Accommodations**

Hearing impaired persons may request an interpreter for this hearing. Please make reservations for a hearing interpreter by December 21, 2017, by contacting Cheryl Daniels using the information below. The hearing facilities are handicap accessible.

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