

Small Business Impact Statement

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGULATION: Upon filing with the Nevada Secretary of State

1. The proposed amendments to Chapter 638 of the Nevada Administrative Code are a comprehensive update to modernize, clarify, and amend regulatory standards governing veterinary practice, facility operations, and professional conduct. The regulation introduces new definitions and registration requirements, including the establishment of a registered veterinary student extern role, while clarifying supervision responsibilities and permissible tasks within veterinary teams. It revises standards for medical recordkeeping, including timeliness, required content, and accessibility, and updates requirements related to continuing education, fee payments, and licensure processes to improve administrative efficiency. Additional provisions address the storage and disposition of deceased animals, the ethical management of abandoned animals, and the use of certain drugs during shortages or emergencies. The regulation also strengthens oversight of veterinary facilities, anesthesia and dentistry practices, and allied services such as animal physical therapy and chiropractic care, while consolidating and standardizing prohibited acts across all license types.

Collectively, these changes are intended to enhance public and animal safety, ensure clarity and consistency in regulatory expectations, and support evolving veterinary practices for licensees, business owners, and stakeholders.

2. Description of Solicitation: The Board solicited comments via email and requested that business owners and individuals submit any comments that would impose an economic or any other type of impact on their individual license or business.

3. Does the proposed regulation impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business? (NRS 233B.0608(1))

The proposed regulation does not impose a direct or significant economic burden upon small businesses or directly restrict any formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.

4. How was that conclusion reached?

The Board solicited input from 267 veterinary facilities in Nevada and from 3,161 individual Nevada licensees and registrants. The Board received public comment throughout the workshop and hearing process. However, none of the public comments stated or implied that the regulations would impose an economic burden.

I, Jennifer Pedigo, certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses, and that the information contained in the statement above is accurate. (NRS 233B.0608(3))

Dated: 4/6/2026

Signed:  _____

Jennifer Pedigo, Executive Director

State of Nevada Board of
Veterinary Medicine Board