

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 intended to ensure that, in the face of increasing costs due to rising workload, staffing, and technology infrastructure, fees must be updated to address the widening gap between the Board's current fee structure and its actual operating costs. Rising costs and growing caseload are the basis for the Board's funding request. The Board's ability to protect the public and the animals in licenses' care depends on investigating complaints promptly, inspecting facilities on schedule, and maintaining accurate, defensible records throughout that process. Current staffing and funding levels were not built for the volume of work the Board now carries, and without additional funding, the Board's capacity to meet its statutory obligations in a timely and thorough manner will continue to be strained. Additional regulatory language clarifying language for ethical and transparent team-based veterinary care would not impose any financial burden.

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))

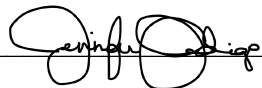
The proposed regulation does not impose a direct or significant economic burden upon small businesses or directly restrict any formation, operation, or expansion of a small business.

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, only one respondent expressed a concern that the fee for veterinary students would be burdensome for that particular earning group.

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: August 25, 2026

Signed:  _____

Jennifer Pedigo, Executive Director
State of Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners