

**LCB File No. R041-02**

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA STATE  
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION**

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.060.

**Amendment of Nevada Administrative Code 638 NEW LANGUAGE.**

1. The need and the purposed of the proposed regulation or amendment.

This new regulation will define the duties that a unlicensed veterinary assistant can perform.

2. Either the terms or the substance of the regulations to be adopted and amended.

A copy of the proposed regulation is attached to this notice.

3. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public.

(a) Both adverse and beneficial economic effects.

There will be no adverse or beneficial economic effects on the profession or the public.

(b) Both immediate and long-term effects.

Will ultimately raise the standard of care in veterinary medicine.

4. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of this regulation.

There will be no cost incurred by the board for enforcement of this regulation.

5. A description of and citation to any regulations or other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency.

The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is not aware of any similar regulations of other state or government agencies that the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates.

6. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law.

The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is not aware of this regulation being required by federal law.

7. If the regulation included provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is not aware of any similar regulations of the same activity in which the Federal regulation is more stringent.

8. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.

This regulation does not provide a new increase or increase of fees.

### **Amendment of Nevada Administrative Code 638.053.**

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This new regulation will redefine the duties that a Licensed Veterinary Technician can perform.

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EXPLANATION-Matters underscored are new; matter in brackets **H** is material to be omitted.

Section 1. CHAPTER 638 OF NAC IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec 2. *NAC 638.0165 “ Unlicensed veterinary assistant” defined “Unlicensed veterinary assistant” means a person whose training, knowledge, and skills are less than that required for a licensed veterinary technician. The basic tasks performed by unlicensed veterinary assistants may include, but are not limited to feeding, watering, bathing, restraining, transporting, and exercising animals.*

Sec 3. *Supervision/Responsibility for Unlicensed Assistants*

*1. Unlicensed veterinary assistants may perform their duties under the direct or indirect supervision of the veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician.*

*2. The supervising veterinarian of unlicensed veterinary assistant shall be responsible for determining the competency of the unlicensed veterinary assistant in performing these basic tasks.*

*3. Unlicensed veterinary assistant may not perform any animal health care tasks as defined in NAC 638.053.*

Sec 4. 638.053 Prohibited tasks: tasks requiring supervision.

1. A licensed veterinary technician may not perform the following tasks of animal health care:

(a) Surgery.

(b) Diagnosis and prognosis of animal diseases.

(c) Except as authorized by a veterinarian, prescribe, administer or dispense drugs, medicines or appliances.

(d) Any other activity which represents the practice of veterinary medicine or which requires the knowledge, skill and training of a licensed veterinarian.

2. A licensed veterinary technician in an animal hospital may perform the following tasks under immediate supervision only:

(a) Application of casts and splints.

(b) Dental extractions.

(c) Induction of anesthesia.

(d) Assisting a licensed veterinarian in surgery.

(e) Euthanasia.

3. A licensed veterinary technician in an animal hospital may perform the following tasks under immediate or direct supervision:

(a) Endotracheal intubation.

(b) Blood administration.

(c) Fluid aspiration.

(d) Monitoring of vital signs.

- (e) Application of casts for the immobilization of fractures.
- (f) Tasks listed in subsection 4, if the animal is anesthetized.
- (g) External noninvasive ultrasonography

4. A licensed veterinary technician in an animal hospital may perform the following tasks under indirect supervision, unless the animal is anesthetized:

- (a) Teeth cleaning.
- (b) Administration of enemas.
- (c) Administration of an electrocardiogram.
- (d) Application of bandages.
- (e) Catheterization of an unobstructed bladder.
- (f) Introduction of food into the stomach through a tube.
- (g) Ear flushing.
- ~~[(h) Positioning of animals for X-rays.]~~
- (h) ~~[(i)]~~ Operation of X-ray machines.
- (i) ~~[(j)]~~ Administration of oral and rectal radio-opaque materials.
- (j) ~~[(k)]~~ Administration ~~[of oral and topical medications]~~ *controlled substances*.
- (k) ~~[(l)]~~ Starting and restarting of intravenous fluids.
- (l) ~~[(m)]~~ Collection of a laboratory specimen for analysis, including, but not limited to, blood, urine, skin, parasites and microorganisms.
- (n) Collection of tissue during or after a post-mortem examination by a licensed veterinarian.
- (o) Administration of intramuscular, subcutaneous or intravenous injections.

No examination within the previous 12 hours is required for the collection of laboratory specimens.