

Agency Purpose

The Board of Veterinary Medicine was established under the authority of M.S. chapter 156. The board is the licensing agency for practitioners of veterinary medicine in the state of Minnesota. The board was created in 1893 to protect human and animal health and welfare through the regulation of veterinarians in Minnesota. Regulation is accomplished through licensure examination and renewal, as well as the investigation of complaints.

The mission of the board is:

- ◆ to promote the public's interest in receiving quality veterinary care from competent veterinarians by ensuring that veterinarians' qualifications meet the specifications established by the board; and
- ◆ to protect the public by ensuring that all licensees provide competent veterinary care.

Core Functions

The board accomplishes its mission by:

- ◆ setting and administering educational requirements and examination standards for licensure as a veterinarian;
- ◆ setting standards of practice and conduct for licensees and pursuing educational or disciplinary action with licensees to ensure standards are met;
- ◆ responding to public and agency inquiries, complaints, and reports regarding licensure and conduct on applicants, licensees, and unlicensed practitioners; and
- ◆ providing information and education about licensure requirements and standards of practice to the public and other interested parties.

Operations

The board serves the consumers of veterinary services by licensing as veterinarians only those individuals the board has determined meet the educational, character, and examination requirements they have established. The board also serves the public by investigation of complaints regarding veterinary care and, when necessary, initiating corrective or disciplinary action against licensees who fail to maintain professional standards. The board serves the veterinary community by verifying and approving applicant credentials for entrance into the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination and for licensure in Minnesota and verifies licensure status to other state and federal agencies and the public.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenses for FY 2004-05 biennium are estimated to be \$516,000. The board staff includes 1.75 full-time equivalent employees.

Of the total budget for the FY 2004-05 biennium, an estimated \$574,000 will be collected as non-dedicated revenue, which is deposited into the state government special revenue fund. The board collects fees charged to applicants, licensees, and professional corporations. The board is responsible to collect enough revenue to recover all direct and indirect costs.

The board is responsible for the costs of services received from the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, and the Administrative Services Unit. A direct appropriation is given to each of these programs from the state government special revenue fund. The board must ensure that sufficient revenue is collected through its fees to fund their portion of these programs costs.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget - FY 2004-05

Total Estimated Expenses: \$516,000

Total Estimated Revenues: \$574,000

Staff: 1.75 Full-time equivalent employees

**Minnesota Licensed Veterinarians
Statistics**

(As of July 8, 2004)

Total Licensed: 2,864

Contact

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The web site at: <http://www.vetmed.state.mn.us/> gives visitors easy access to useful information about veterinary medicine. Types of information available through the web site include: regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota statutes, public notices, and forms.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2006-07
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	163	163	163	163	326
Forecast Base	163	163	163	163	326
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	144	182	163	163	326
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	2	3	3	3	6
Total	146	185	166	166	332
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	130	140	132	132	264
Other Operating Expenses	16	45	34	34	68
Total	146	185	166	166	332
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Veterinary Medicine, Board Of	146	185	166	166	332
Total	146	185	166	166	332
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	