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**AT A GLANCE**

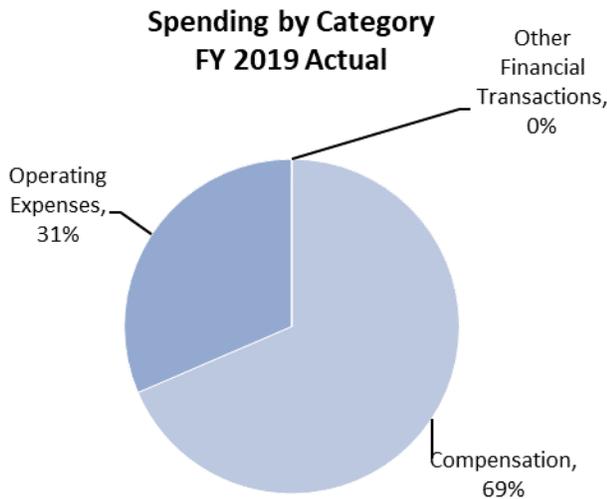
- 3,542 veterinarians served: 3,158 active licenses and 384 inactive licenses
- 60% of Minnesotans estimated to own animals
- Veterinarians renew licenses every two years
- Average of 170 new licensees yearly
- 91 complaints from the public investigated annually
- Two full time staff persons

**PURPOSE**

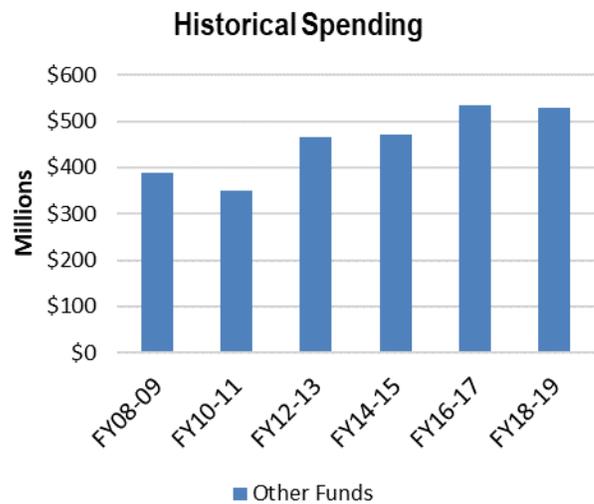
The mission of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) is to promote, preserve, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and animals. We achieve this through the effective control and regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine on behalf of animals and their owners. We ensure Minnesota veterinarians have the education and skills needed to become licensed, and that they will work to optimize animal health. We curb the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine that endangers animals and the public.

We work effectively to maintain current standards for the practice of veterinary medicine in Minnesota. These services include assessment of veterinarians’ qualifications for licensure, investigation, and remediation of public complaints pertaining to veterinary medicine, and provision of public access to disciplinary and corrective actions. To prevent substandard veterinary care, we monitor veterinarians’ ongoing completion of continuing education and communicate strategies to optimize veterinarians’ professional conduct.

**BUDGET**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board is funded by licensure fees and receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subdivision 1(a) compels the Board to collect fees in the amount sufficient to cover direct and indirect expenditures. Funds are deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund.

From this fund, the Board receives a direct appropriation to pay for agency expenses such as salaries, rent, costs associated with disciplinary/contested cases and operating expenditures. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation.

In addition to Board operations, licensure fees fund activities that support multiple boards and/or other agencies. Some of these are: the Administrative Services Unit (inter-board), Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board), Office of the Attorney General for legal services, and the Criminal Background Check Program (inter-board).

## **STRATEGIES**

To accomplish our mission, we utilize the following strategies:

### **1. Regulatory:**

- ensure license applicants are qualified to practice veterinary medicine in Minnesota by careful review of credentials, including the criminal background check
- examine each license applicant's knowledge of standards of veterinary practice, laws, and rules
- evaluate declarations of any criminal charges, license discipline or insufficient continuing education
- hold veterinarians accountable for their professional conduct based on legal, ethical and professional standards
- require veterinarians to stay updated on advances in veterinary medicine through continuing education
- investigate complaints pertaining to veterinarians or unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine
- take corrective or disciplinary action if a risk to human or animal safety is identified, and determine what course of action will improve a veterinarian's performance
- register professional firms practicing veterinary medicine and update the database via annual reports
- facilitate license application, license renewal, and filing of complaints via our interactive website
- provide other states with verification of the license status of a veterinarian when requested
- collaborate with the other MN government agencies: Board of Pharmacy, Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Criminal Background Check Program, Health Professionals Services Program, Board of Animal Health, Department of Health, Racing Commission, and Department of Revenue
- collaborate with federal government agencies: Drug Enforcement Administration, US Department of Agriculture, and Internal Revenue Service
- participate in committees and programs presented by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards pertaining to current regulatory issues and best practices to address these in Minnesota

### **2. Education:**

- inform veterinarians of any regulatory changes that impact the practice of veterinary medicine
- provide education on regulatory issues via: written materials on our website, newsletters, direct mail, and presentations at veterinary conference, webinars, and the University of Minnesota
- assist the public by relaying information regarding the scope of practice of veterinary medicine, complaint process and past corrective and disciplinary action for veterinarians
- address questions posed by the media, legislature, veterinarians, public, agencies, firms, and associations

## RESULTS \*

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Number of licensees (active and inactive)	3454	3542	FY18 & FY19
Quality	Percent of license renewals done online/electronically	82%	93%	FY18 & FY19
Quantity	Number of complaints against licensees	96	169	FY18 & FY19
Quantity	Number of complaints against non-veterinarians	10	26	FY18 & FY19
Quantity	Professional firm renewals	495	532	FY18 & FY19

\*Source is the Automated Licensing Information System.

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Our statutory, legal authority is granted by M.S. 156. (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=156>)

Other statutes and rules that significantly apply to the function of our board and the practice of veterinary medicine include M.S. 13, M.S. 14, M.S. 151, M.S. 152, M.S. 214, M.S. 319B, and MN Rules 6800 and 9100.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23

**Expenditures by Fund**

1201 - Health Related Boards	253	261	272	426	353	353	363	363
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	6	7	4	6	6	6	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>369</b>
Biennial Change				181		9		29
Biennial % Change				34		1		4
Governor's Change from Base								20
Governor's % Change from Base								3

**Expenditures by Program**

Veterinary Medicine Board	259	269	277	432	359	359	369	369
<b>Total</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>369</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation	193	184	199	220	224	225	224	225
Operating Expenses	66	85	76	200	125	124	135	134
Other Financial Transaction			1	12	10	10	10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>369</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

	2.00	1.76	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23
<b>1201 - Health Related Boards</b>								
Balance Forward In		63		73				
Direct Appropriation	316	325	345	353	353	353	363	363
Transfers Out		5						
Cancellations		122						
Balance Forward Out	63		73					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>363</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				184		8		28
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				36		1		4
Governor's Change from Base								20
Governor's % Change from Base								3
Full-Time Equivalents	2.00	1.76	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

**2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue**

Balance Forward In	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3
Receipts	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Balance Forward Out	1		3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(3)		2		2
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(23)		14		14
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
<b><i>Direct</i></b>				
<b>Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards</b>				
FY2021 Appropriations	353	353	353	706
Forecast Base	353	353	353	706
<b>Change Items</b>				
MN.IT Cost Reduction and Appropriation Transfer		10	10	20
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>726</b>
<b><i>Dedicated</i></b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Planned Spending	6	6	6	12
Forecast Base	6	6	6	12
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>
<b><i>Revenue Change Summary</i></b>				
<b><i>Dedicated</i></b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues	6	6	6	12
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>
<b><i>Non-Dedicated</i></b>				
<b>Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards</b>				
Forecast Revenues	388	388	388	776
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>776</b>

# Board of Veterinary Medicine

## FY 2022-23 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: MN.IT Cost Reduction and Appropriation Transfer

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>ASU (Transfer from BELTSS to Dentistry)</b>				
General Fund*				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	(647)	(647)	(647)	(647)
Revenues	0	0	0	0
<b>Pharmacy, Board of</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	65	65	65	65
Revenues	0	0	0	0
<b>Dentistry, Board of</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	40	40	40	40
Revenues	0	0	0	0
<b>Chiropractic Examiners, Board of</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	25	25	25	25
Revenues	0	0	0	0
<b>Optometry, Board of</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	15	15	15	15
Revenues	0	0	0	0
<b>BELTSS</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	15	15	15	15
Revenues	0	0	0	0
<b>Social Work, Board of</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	50	50	50	50
Revenues	0	0	0	0
<b>Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	22	22	22	22
Revenues	0	0	0	0
<b>Podiatric Medicine, Board of</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	15	15	15	15
Revenues	0	0	0	0
<b>Veterinary Medicine, Board of</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	10	10	10	10
Revenues	0	0	0	0

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>Dietetics and Nutrition Practice, Board of</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	15	15	15	15
Revenues	0	0	0	0
<b>Physical Therapy, Board of</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	15	15	15	15
Revenues	0	0	0	0
<b>Behavioral Health and Therapy, Board of</b>				
State Government Special Revenue				
Expenditures	35	35	35	35
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	(325)	(325)	(325)	(325)
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\*There is no General Fund impact to the health licensing boards listed in Fiscal Impact chart.

**Recommendation:**

The Governor recommends the Health-Related Licensing Boards’ IT expense reorganization and reduction. The Administrative Services Unit (ASU) is authorized by Minn. Stat. 214.107 and serves as an agent to the Health-Related Licensing Boards. ASU is seeking a \$647,000 reduction in its FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriation and a corresponding \$322,000 increase in appropriation for twelve (12) Health-Related Licensing Boards (Table 1) for a net reduction of \$325,000. This appropriation decrease is the result of the Health-Related Licensing Boards’ restructuring and reduction of IT-related costs. The appropriation increases for the twelve (12) Health-Related Licensing Boards will fund IT expenses previously paid by ASU.

**Rationale/Background:**

Since the creation of MN.IT Services in 2012, funds to pay all technology-related costs of the Health-Related Licensing Boards have been appropriated to ASU as the boards’ agent. MN.IT staff were assigned to the boards and costs consolidated and paid by ASU. As part of its IT restructuring efforts, the Health-Related Licensing Boards worked with MN.IT to reduce the number of MN.IT staff directly assigned to the boards and move to direct-billing. This requires a transfer of the appropriation for IT-related costs from ASU to certain boards.

The Health-Related Licensing Boards are fee-supported agencies. The Boards are required by Minnesota Statutes to collect enough revenue to cover all direct-appropriated and indirect costs. The Health-Related Licensing Boards’ collected fee revenues are deposited into the State Government Special Revenue fund to cover the boards’ IT-related costs. This reduction does not impact the State’s General Fund.

**Proposal:**

The Health-Related Licensing Boards’ IT reorganization includes reduction of FTEs including software developer position and IT manager position. Database support and project management services will now be paid as needed by contract instead of by assigned FTE. These staffing changes result in a \$325,000 annual reduction in ASU’s appropriation. The remaining IT-related costs have been itemized and allocated to the boards and related programs for payment as direct expenditures beginning in FY 2022. The itemization and allocation results in a \$647,000 reduction in the ASU appropriation and an appropriation increase for twelve (12) boards to cover IT-related costs which will now be direct-billed.

This proposal is impacted by the transfer of the ASU appropriation from the Board of Executives for Long Term Services and Supports (BELTSS) to the Board of Dentistry beginning in FY 2022, which was submitted as a separate

change item. The ASU appropriation for MN.IT will be reduced by \$647,000 (from \$1,214,000 to \$567,000) when it transfers from BELTSS to Dentistry.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

The Health-Related Licensing Boards work to promote public protection, including the protection of the children and families of the State of Minnesota. This change will not impact the boards' ability to continue to protect the people of Minnesota.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

The Health-Related Licensing Boards do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. This change will not impact the boards' ability to provide services for all people of the State of Minnesota, without discrimination.