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Dear licensees and interested parties:

Alaska's professional licensing statutes (AS 08.01.065) require the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) to "annually review each fee level to determine whether the regulatory costs of each occupation are approximately equal to fee collections related to that occupation." Alaska's licensing fee statutes go on to say, "If the review indicates that an occupation's fee collections and regulatory costs are not approximately equal, the department shall calculate fee adjustments and adopt regulations...to implement the adjustments."

The Division has conducted a thorough fee analysis and has determined that fee changes are necessary. The Board of Veterinary Examiners reviewed the fee analysis at its May 11, 2018 meeting and discussed fee type setting preferences and program costs without making specific recommendations. Based on those comments, a decrease is recommended to the veterinarian and technician initial application fee to protect new veterinarians from higher initial costs and an increase to the veterinarian license renewals. These changes are necessary to comply with the statute listed above and to get the program out of a deficit position while continuing to deliver the current level of service for the Veterinary Examiners licensing program. Program ended FY2016 non-renewal year in deficit. The renewal year FY2017 surplus was not great enough to carry the program thru non-renewal year FY2018. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, this increase will stabilize the program and prevent the need for an even larger increase later.

The proposed fees amounts are based on those comments and are enclosed. They can also be found on the Board's web page at

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofVeterinaryExaminers.aspx>

This fee proposal is entering a public comment period. The division encourages all licensees and interested parties to comment on this proposal through the division's Regulations Specialist, whose contact information is enclosed on the public notice. After the comment period closes and the division reviews all comments received, the division may adopt the regulation as drafted, may amend a proposed fee, or may withdraw the regulations in part or in its whole.

All comments received will be reviewed and taken into consideration prior to adopting the final regulations. The final decision will result in the fee to be implemented during the upcoming license renewal.

Follow the instructions enclosed to make written comments during the public comment period. Comments must be addressed to Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811 or regulationsandpubliccomment@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist.

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Chapter 02. General Occupational Licensing Functions.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 02.300 is amended to read:

12 AAC 02.350. Board of Veterinary Examiners. The following fees are established for veterinarians and veterinary technicians:

- (1) nonrefundable application fee for
 - (A) initial veterinarian license by examination, **\$200** [\$250];
 - (B) initial veterinary technician license, **\$100** [\$125];
 - (C) courtesy license, \$125;
 - (D) student permit, \$125
- (2) state written examination fee for veterinarians, \$200;
- (3) repealed 10/9/2016;
- (4) license fee for veterinarians for all or part of the initial biennial license period, **\$600** [\$500];
- (5) biennial license renewal fee for veterinarians, **\$600** [\$500];
- (6) temporary license fee, \$125;
- (7) temporary permit fee, \$125;
- (8) registration fee for veterinary technicians for all or part of the initial biennial registration period, \$100;
- (9) biennial registration renewal fee for veterinary technicians, \$100;
- (10) courtesy license fee, \$125;
- (11) nonrefundable application and investigation fee for veterinarian license by credentials under AS 08.98.184, **\$200** [\$250];

(12) delayed renewal penalty fee for a veterinarian license that has lapsed more than 60 days and for each year the license has been lapsed, \$150;

(13) delayed renewal penalty fee for a veterinary technician license that has lapsed more than 60 days and for each year the license has been lapsed, \$75. (Eff. 11/20/86, Register 100; am 10/1/88, Register 107; am 5/20/92, Register 122; am 10/21/92, Register 124; am 9/5/93, Register 127; am 10/29/94, Register 132; am 4/20/ 96, Register 138; am 11/15/96, Register 140; am 4/19/97, Register 142; am 12/28/97, Register 144; am 11/27/98, Register 148; am 8/10/2000, Register 155; am 11/24/2000, Register 156; am 6/17/2001, Register 158; am 3/25/2004, Register 169; am 10/15/2004, Register 172; am 11/18/2006, Register 180; am 6/22/2008, Register 186; am 12/12/2008, Register 188; am 6/7/2009, Register 190; am 9/19/2009, Register 191; am 12/4/2010, Register 196; am 12/2/2012, Register 204; am 10/9/2016, Register 220; am ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.01.062 AS 08.01.100 AS 08.98.190
AS 08.01.065