



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Health- Veterinary Board of Governors

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-933-XXX Expired license. The Veterinary Board of Governors (board) will evaluate the requirements to reinstate an expired veterinary license. The board will consider whether the requirements are sufficient to protect animal patients or if rules are needed to ensure that veterinarians with an expired credential possess the current skills and knowledge to safely treat patients.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.92.030 and RCW 18.130.050

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: A Washington State veterinarian whose license is expired only needs to pay a fee and attest to completion of minimal continuing education in order to reactivate the license and practice. The board is concerned about patient safety due to the potential for a lack of current skills and knowledge when a veterinarian decides to practice after the license has been expired.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative rulemaking

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

Stakeholders will be notified and invited to participate in an open public rules workshop and may submit written comments for consideration. Stakeholders will be notified through listserv, board meetings, and posting to the website.

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