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Section 1. General

1.01 Pursuant to authority contained in Chapter Thirty, Article Ten, Sections Three and Eighteen of the West Virginia Code: The West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine establishes the following rules and regulations pertinent to Animal Technician registration.

Section 2. Definitions

2.01 As used in this document, unless otherwise provided, the term Animal Technician Registered (A. T. R.) shall mean a person registered by the Board to work under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Direct Supervision is construed to mean instruction and directions requiring the physical presence of a licensed veterinarian on the premises. A technicians principal function is to assist the veterinarian. Animal Technicians shall not perform surgery, make diagnoses nor prescribe medications.

Section 3. Powers and duties of the West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine

3.01 The West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine shall examine and register persons who are skilled in the science of Animal Technology.

The Board shall have exclusive Jurisdiction in order to:

- (a) To determine the eligibility of applicants for registration;
- (b) To enter into agreements of reciprocal registration with registration agencies of other states;
- (c) To determine the content and frequency of examinations for registration;
- (d) Grant, suspend, revoke or refuse to grant registration upon showing of proper cause as hereinafter provided;
- (e) To promulgate, amend and repeal such reasonable rules and regulations necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this article, including reasonable rules and regulations regarding ethical standards of conduct, which said rules and regulations shall be promulgated, amended, or repealed in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this code as if the same were set forth herein in extenso.

Section 4. Registration requirements

4.01 Any person desiring registration as an animal technologist shall complete and file an application along with the required fee, the form of which shall be prescribed by the board, and shall submit proof satisfactory to the board of the following:

(a) That the applicant is at least eighteen years of age;

(b) That the applicant has successfully completed high school or its equivalent;

(c) That the applicant is of good moral character;

(d) That the applicant is a citizen of the United States or has made application for citizenship; and

(e) That the applicant has successfully completed a two-year course in animal technology at a school accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

4.02 Except as is provided in the next section five each applicant shall be required to pass an examination, the content of which shall be prescribed by the board. Such examination may be oral, written or practical, or a combination thereof, as shall be determined by the board. Any applicant who shall fail to pass such examination shall be eligible for reexamination and for the first such reexamination shall not be required to pay any additional fee.

Section 5. Examination exemption

5.01 The examination required by section four of this article shall not be required of any applicant who:

(a) Holds a valid certificate of registration from another state or territory which has a

reciprocal registration agreement with this state, or;

(b) Has been engaged in the performance of the skills and duties of an animal technologist under the responsible supervision of a licensed veterinarian for at least three years within five years prior to the effective date of this article.

Section 6. Fees

6.01 The following fees shall be imposed and collected by the board:

(a) For examination and issuance of certificate of registration, twenty-five dollars;

(b) For annual certificate renewal, ten dollars:

(c) For restoration of expired certificate of registration, five dollars plus all fees in arrears;

(d) For duplicate certificate of registration, five dollars; and

(e) For issuance of certificate of registration by reciprocity, twenty-five dollars.

Section 7. Title

7.01 Any person who shall successfully complete the requirements of this article shall be issued a certificate of registration by the Board. Such certificate shall be displayed in the principal work area of the person to whom it is issued. Any person so registered shall have the right to use the title "Animal Technician Registered" and the abbreviation "A. T. R.". No other person shall use

such title, abbreviation or any other works, letters, signs or figures to indicate they are a skilled technician in the science of animal technology nor shall any other person perform, advertise or offer himself for employment in a manner indicative that he is so skilled or trained.

Section 8. Restrictions

8.01 No person registered as an animal technician shall in any manner indicate or imply that he is a licensed veterinarian. Persons registered as animal technicians shall be permitted to perform the skills of animal technology under the direct supervision of a licensed practicing veterinarian physically present on the premises. No such person shall perform surgery, make diagnoses or prescribe medication.

Section 9. Removal of Registration

9.01 The board shall have the power to deny, suspend or revoke a certificate of registration or to take other disciplinary action for a violation of the provisions of this article, for a violation of the rules and regulations of the board or for a determination that the person is:

- (a) Guilty of fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate of registration;
- (b) Guilty of gross immorality;
- (c) Addicted to the use of habit forming drugs or alcohol; or

(d) Mentally incompetent.

9.02 Any person who is denied a certificate of registration and who requests a hearing within thirty days of notification of such denial or any person against whom disciplinary action, suspension or revocation is contemplated shall be afforded a hearing thereon, which said hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of article five, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code as if the same were set forth herein in extenso.

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