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SB. 427

**Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**  
Statement of the Intent for the Amendment  
SB 427

**Section 1.** Fees and Board Costs. This section defines what costs the Board can recover from the licensee if a person has violated a provision of Chapter 638. The current laws provide the Board may recover "all costs." The amendment would provide more specificity to what costs the Board may recover.

**Section 2.** Clarification of the definition of "Veterinary Technician" by adding to that definition the word "licensed."

**Section 3.** The removal of "private" from the practice of veterinary medicine, which is a criteria to serve as a Board member, enables veterinarians in other fields (academia or research) to be a Board member.

**Section 4.** Clarifies "a quorum" and "a majority" of the Board.

**Section 5.** Removes the residential address of the licensee from the public record. The Board and our State association believes that only the work address should be public information, residential addresses should only be utilized by the Board staff. The addition of "license number" is being added for clarification purposes.

**Section 6.** Confidential: This section defines what records should be considered public and what records should be considered confidential in the complaint and application process. A complaint should be confidential if the Board dismisses it with no violation. Once the Board votes that there is grounds for discipline and a negotiated settlement is voted on, or the Board proceeds to a hearing, portions of the file become a public record. The committee believes that all information supplied to the Board by an applicant should be deemed confidential until the point they become licensed.

**Section 7.** Accrediting of Veterinary Schools: This section expands on the specifics of the degree (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) or its equivalency that any person must meet in order to be licensed in Nevada as a veterinarian.

**Section 8.** The American Veterinary Medical Association is no longer administering or sponsoring the National Veterinary Technician Examination.

**Section 9.** This section removes the requirement a license renewal form be notarized. There is no legal justification for having a renewal form notarized very year.

**Section 10.** The removal of the requirement that a complaint must be verified or notarized by a Board member. The only reason a verified (notarized) complaint is required by a consumer is for the purpose of being able to obtain medical records in the case. There is no need for a complaint that is filed by a Board Member to be notarized.

**Section 11.** Removal of language conforms this section to the revised complaint procedures. (Sec.12)

**Section 12.** This section is being re-written to clarify the disciplinary process.

**Section 13.** "Costs" are being defined specifically in Sec.1, so the language in #10 is omitted.

**Section 14.** To conform with other Nevada State laws, the language in #3 is omitted.

**Section 15.** To clarify and eliminate confusion of what conduct has to be charged or proven when there is actual injury to an animal.

**Section 16.** This section is being repealed.

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