

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1331 HB	Title: Veterinary technicians	Agency: 303-Department of Health
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Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

FUND	FY 2008	FY 2009	2007-09	2009-11	2011-13
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1		6,200	6,200	12,400	12,400
Total \$		6,200	6,200	12,400	12,400

Estimated Expenditures from:

	FY 2008	FY 2009	2007-09	2009-11	2011-13
FTE Staff Years	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Fund					
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	14,000	5,000	19,000	6,000	6,000
Total \$	14,000	5,000	19,000	6,000	6,000

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- ☐ If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- ☒ If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- ☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- ☒ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe, by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency.

Section 1: Changes the status of Veterinary Technician from registered to licensed.

Section 2: Requires the Veterinary Board of Governors (Board) to adopt rules that identify task and procedures that must be completed by individuals who qualify through on the job training.

Section 3: Adds a new member to the Veterinary Board of Governors. Requires that one member of the new seven member board will be a licensed veterinary technician.

Section 4: Requires the Board to develop minimum standards of continuing education for veterinary technicians through rulemaking.

Section 5, 6 & 7: Changes the status of Veterinary Technician from registered to licensed. All applications, forms and other information will need to be corrected to reflect the change.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

Department of Health, Division of Health Systems Quality Assurance (HSQA):

The change from veterinary technician registration to licensure will require revenue to offset additional expenditures.

Fees will be set once the new categories have been established to ensure that these credentials are fully self-supporting as required by law.

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

Assumptions: This bill does not identify an implementation date; therefore HSQA, Office of Health Professions Quality Assurance (HPQA) is assuming a starting date of July 1, 2007.

Costs:

Section 1-7: In FY 2008, rules will be developed identifying standard tasks and procedures that a veterinary technician who qualifies through the five year on the job experience must complete and the minimum standards of continuing education. As well as the rules related to the supervising veterinarian's attestation to completion of the required tasks and procedures. HPQA is assuming that most of this work with either be done at the regularly scheduled Veterinary Board of Governors meetings or via e-mail. Only one additional Veterinary Board of Governors meeting will be required. All current forms, applications and information published about the veterinary technician profession will need to be updated with the new requirements. One-time costs for rule making will include staff and associated costs, travel, printing and postage. Staff includes 0.05 FTE Health Services Consultant 3 and 0.01 FTE Office Assistant 3.

There will also be one-time costs to implement and test the configuration changes in the HPQA licensing system. Staff includes 0.05 FTE Information Technology Specialist 4.

Beginning in FY 2009 and ongoing, costs will be for implementation of the new licensed veterinary technician profession, program management and board time. Currently, veterinary technicians are registered not licensed. This will require HPQA to outline the requirement of licensure, revise applications and forms, and develop minimum standards of

continuing education. The continuing education component increases the time it takes to review and audit applications. There will also be an increase in workload to explain the laws on continuing education. Also adds an additional member to the Veterinary Board of Governors and requires that one member of the Board of Physical Therapy be a licensed veterinary technician. The new member will be involved in four regular board meetings and other meetings deemed necessary throughout the year. Ongoing costs will include staff and associated costs, Board Member time, travel, printing and postage. Staff includes 0.01 FTE Health Services Consultant 3 and 0.01 FTE Office Assistant 3.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2008	FY 2009	2007-09	2009-11	2011-13
FTE Staff Years	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
A-Salaries & Wages	6,000	1,000	7,000	2,000	2,000
B-Employee Benefits	2,000		2,000		
C-Personal Serv Contr					
E-Goods and Services	5,000	3,000	8,000	2,000	2,000
G-Travel	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursement					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursement					
Total:	\$14,000	\$5,000	\$19,000	\$6,000	\$6,000

III. B - Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2008	FY 2009	2007-09	2009-11	2011-13
Hlth Services Consultant 3	55,716	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Info Technology Specialist 4	60,036	0.1		0.0		
Office Assistant 3	31,056	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total FTE's		0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0

III. C - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2008	FY 2009	2007-09	2009-11	2011-13
Hlth Systems Quality Assurance (060)	13,000	4,000	17,000	6,000	6,000
Administration (090)	1,000	1,000	2,000		
Total \$	14,000	5,000	19,000	6,000	6,000

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Identify provisions of the measure that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Sections 1-7: Rulemaking will be required to implement the changes to the veterinary technicians professions to add continuing education, procedures for individuals that quality through on the job training and the change to licensed rather than registered.