

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Re: Continuing Education

ORDER REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to the pandemic outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 14, 2020, the Governor of the State of Mississippi declared a statewide State of Emergency regarding COVID-19.

On March 16, 2020, the President of the United States officially established guidelines recommending individuals avoid groups of more than ten people in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

As a result of the foregoing and in conjunction with the Board's authority to adopt, amend, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations necessary to implement the Mississippi Veterinary Practice Act including the establishment of licensure and continuing education requirements for the practice of veterinary medicine and matters relating to the certification of veterinary technicians and technologists and the Board being fully advised in the premises finds that it would be in the best interest of public safety and welfare that the continuing education requirements for veterinarians, veterinary technicians and technologists be amended as follows:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all veterinarians licensed in the State of Mississippi shall be required to complete fifteen (15) hours of continuing education between August 1 and August 1 of the licensure period. That five (5) of those hours may be satisfied through any AAVSB RACE approved offering. The remaining ten (10) hours must be completed through contact hours encompassing the interactive distance, seminar/lecture, lab/wet lab including live

streamed programs. Any contact hours that are completed by online interactive distance or live streamed programs must be RACE approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all veterinary technicians and technologists certified in the State of Mississippi shall be required to complete then (10) hours of continuing education between August 1 and August 1 of the licensure period. That five (5) of these hours may be through any AAVSB RACE approved offering with the remaining five (5) must be completed through contact hours encompassing the interactive distance, seminar/lecture, lab/wet lab including live streamed programs. Any contact hours that are completed by online interactive distance or live streamed programs must be RACE approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendments herein shall be effective up until September 1, 2020 unless extended by further order of the Board.

SO ORDERED this the 27th day of March, 2020.

BOARD MEMBERS:


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