

Introduction to the Louisiana Veterinary Practice Act and Complementary Laws Booklet

This booklet contains sections of legal information as follows:

I. Louisiana Veterinary Practice Act

The Practice Act contains the statutes (laws) passed by the Louisiana legislature to create the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for the purpose of regulating the profession of veterinary medicine. The Practice Act is sub-divided into sections which cover the practice of veterinary medicine by doctors of veterinary medicine, registered veterinary technicians, certified animal euthanasia technicians, and registered equine dentists.

II. Louisiana Administrative Code. Professional and Occupational Standards

These rules (regulations) are written and published (promulgated) by the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine to enhance and codify its ability to ensure that the statutes of the Practice Act are followed. Although rules carry less weight than statutes, they are still considered legal requirements to be followed by members of the professions governed by the Board.

III. Complementary Laws

Other statutes are passed by the legislature which effect those persons regulated by the Board of Veterinary Medicine. This section contains selected laws in which the Board finds that licensees frequently have questions.

Study Guide of the Practice Act, Rules, and Complementary Laws for the Louisiana State Board Examination

The Louisiana State Board Examination is taken from statutes found in the Veterinary Practice Act, rules (regulations) found in the Louisiana Administrative Code, and statutes found elsewhere in the Louisiana Revised Statutes which are deemed to be of importance to a newly licensed practitioner of veterinary medicine. The State Board Examination (SBE) must be passed before a license to practice veterinary medicine in Louisiana will be issued by the Board.

The following study guide indicates the topic areas within the Veterinary Practice Act book from which the questions on the SBE are derived. The reference to applicable statutes and rules is provided to assist you in preparing for the examination.

	Topic Area	Applicable Statutes are La.R.S. 37:	Applicable Rules are in L.A.C.
1.	General Information	1511 to 1513	Chapter 1
2.	Powers of the board	1518	101
3.	Requirements for licensure	1514, 1520, 1521 & 1523	301, 303, 307
4.	Renewal of a license	1524 and 1525	305 and 501-505
5.	Discipline and hearings	1526	106

6.	Penalties and appeals	1531 and 1534	105
7.	Continuing education		Chapter 4
8.	Veterinary practice standards		Chapter 7
9.	Peer Assistance program		Chapter 9
10.	Rules of professional conduct		Chapter 10
11.	Registered Veterinary Technicians	1542 and 1544 to 1547	N/A (Chpt 8 is not included on exam)
12.	Zoo employees		Chapter 13
	COMPLIMENTARY LAWS		
13.	Abandoned Animals Act	3:2452 - 2454	N/A
14.	Rabies control	40:1275 to 1278	N/A