

LA Veterinary Practice Act – Rules Regarding Inactive Status

§503. Exemption of Fee for Active Military Duty/Reduction of Fee for Qualified Retirement/Disability

A. The board shall exempt a veterinarian licensed in the state of Louisiana from the annual license renewal fee for active status if he is a member of the armed forces and is on active duty. The board shall apply the reduced annual renewal fee for inactive status if the veterinarian is totally disabled to practice veterinary medicine without probability of return to practice for the annual renewal period at issue as certified by a physician's statement, or if he is retired and has reached the age of 65 years.

B. In each of the above cases, the veterinarian who requests fee exemption or reduction for inactive status must register with the board annually and provide proof of his eligibility for fee exemption or reduction for inactive status in affidavit form approved by the board.

C. A licensee who submits an affidavit of retirement as provided by the board for this purpose is entitled to the reduced annual fee for inactive status if he has reached the age of 65 years or submits an affidavit of disability and physician's statement of total disability without probability of return to practice for the annual renewal period at issue. The documentation must be submitted annually with the registration form.

1. Once an affidavit is received by the board, a written request for reinstatement of a license may thereafter be submitted to the board within five years of such date of receipt, provided the applicant submits with his request the payment of all back active annual renewal fees, as well as current active annual renewal fees for application.

2. A request for reinstatement within five years of the date an affidavit is received by the board may be subject to certain conditions being met as set by the board prior to such reinstatement.

3. Once an affidavit is received by the board, a written request for reinstatement of a license may be submitted to the board after the expiration of five years of such date of receipt, however, the applicant shall submit an application for re-licensure, pay all required fees and satisfactorily pass all licensure examinations.

4. A request for reinstatement shall be made in writing for review and consideration by the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1518 and 1520.A. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 10:208 (March 1984), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 23:963 (August 1997), LR 29:1478 (August 2003), LR 38:1592 (July 2012).

AFFIDAVIT OF RETIREMENT

STATE OF _____ PARISH/COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary, in and for the State and Parish/County aforesaid, came and personally appeared _____, DVM who holds license number _____ to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Louisiana and who declares that s/he is a resident of the full age of majority of the Parish or County of _____, and who further declares that:

- S/he no longer practices any form of veterinary medicine in the State of Louisiana,
- S/he is 65 years of age or older,
- S/he has been retired since _____, and
- S/he wishes to retain an Inactive Retired license in the State of Louisiana.

The undersigned individual declares that s/he is in understanding that upon submission of this affidavit of retirement, any practice of veterinary medicine by the affiant is illegal and could result in prosecution and permanent revocation of his/her license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Louisiana.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, Notary Public, on this _____ day of _____, 20__ at _____, _____
City State

Signature of Licensee: _____

NOTARY
SEAL

Notary Public: _____

LICENSEE NOTE: Requests for waiver of renewal fees and/or CE requirements based on Inactive Retired Status must be made to the Board in writing annually with the submission of this affidavit and the annual online renewal (www.lsbvm.org). Waiver requests must go before the full Board annually for approval/acceptance.

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