The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine (LBVM) has exercised the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, specifically La. R.S.49:953(B), and through the authority granted in R.S. 37:1518, and in accordance with Executive Department Proclamation Number 172 JBE 2021 to adopt an emergency rule which will add language to §305, §811, §1213, and §1505. The added language in these sections will give the board the ability to temporarily extend the time related to the renewal of licenses to practice veterinary medicine, the certifications of registered veterinary technicians, certified animal euthanasia technicians, and registered equine dentists during the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Any license renewed or reinstated under this exception shall have met the continuing education requirements to renew and maintain licensure for the current fiscal year.

In accordance with Governor Edwards’ Proclamation Number 172 JBE 2021, section 2(7), the LBVM is adopting these rules to amend/waive rules that further extend the non-essential deadline as necessary to respond to the emergency created by Hurricane Ida.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS
Part LXXXV. Veterinarians
Chapter 3. Licensure Provisions
§305. Renewals
A. - A.4. …
5. Notwithstanding any provision in this Chapter to the contrary, for the 2021-2022 renewal period, a licensee who has not submitted a renewal application by September 30, 2021 shall have until October 30, 2021 to do so. All documentation of compliance with continuing education requirements in accordance with Chapter 4 of this Part must have been submitted on or prior to October 30, 2021.
B. - B.6. …
7. Notwithstanding any provision in this Chapter to the contrary, the holder of any expired license which expiration date was between August 26, 2016 and September 24, 2016 shall have until October 30, 2021 to comply with the provisions of subsections 1-6, above.
C. - D. …. AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1518 et seq.
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 19:343 (March 1993); amended LR 23:965 (August, 1997), LR 24:941 (May 1998), LR 26:322 (February 2000), LR 47.

Chapter 5. Fees
§505. License Renewal Late Fee
A. …
1. Notwithstanding any provision in this Chapter to the contrary, for the renewal period of 2021-2022, any license which has not been renewed as of September 30, 2021, has until October 30, 2021 to renew and pay the annual renewal fee without late fee.
1. Notwithstanding any provision in this Chapter to the contrary, for the 2021-2022 renewal period, a registered equine dentist who has not submitted a renewal application by September 30, 2021 shall have until October 30, 2021 to do so. All documentation of compliance with continuing education requirements as provided for in §1517 of this Chapter must have been submitted prior to September 30, 2021. Renewals made under this emergency provision, after September 30, 2021, are not subject to the late fees provided for by §1503 of this chapter.

B.-E. ... 

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1518.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 26:491 (March 2000), LR 47:

§1507. Expired Certificate

A. ... 

1. Notwithstanding any provision in this Chapter to the contrary, the holder of any expired certificate of approval which expiration date was between August 26, 2021 and September 24, 2021 shall have until October 30, 2021, to comply with the provisions of subpart A. of this Section.

B. - C. ... 

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1518.

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