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Arkansas Veterinary Medical Examining Board Website Posting as a Result of EO 20-06

The office of the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Examining Board (Board) has received numerous requests from licensees regarding extensions to complete continuing education requirements for license renewals, which are due on March 31, 2020. Numerous veterinary conferences and meetings that licensees had planned to attend over the next couple of weeks have been cancelled or are moving online due to the COVID-19 public health situation. The concern is that there are some provisions within the Board's rules that may prevent or hinder the Board from rendering maximum assistance to the citizens of Arkansas while they are trying to adhere to guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Rule 092.00.1-3. Continuing Education places a limit on the number of online hours that a licensee can obtain each year. Considering the State's COVID-19 response and the Governor's call for social distancing, this rule will be suspended pursuant to EO 20-06 until April 16, 2020, which will make it possible for licensees to obtain as many continuing education hours as they need online for this year's renewal cycle. License renewals will still be due by March 31, 2020.