

Agency Response
Board of Veterinary Medicine
Department of Health Professions

The Board of Veterinary Medicine predominantly concurs with the Economic Impact Analysis of the Department of Planning and Budget for proposed amendments to 18VAC150-20 regarding periodic review changes to the regulations. The Board notes, however, that there is an ongoing shortage of licensed veterinary technicians (“LVT”) in Virginia and that the EIA stated the allowance for Canadian LVTs to apply for licensure by endorsement would be unlikely to result in a large pool of new applicants from Canada. Therefore, the Board disagrees that accepting LVT licensure by endorsement applicants from Canada will result in an adverse impact to existing licensed veterinary technicians in Virginia. Theoretically, there is a small chance that an adverse impact may occur. Given the current workforce shortage, however, and the improbability of many Canadian applicants moving to Virginia, such an adverse impact is extremely unlikely to occur.