4741-1-02 **Specialist.** 

- (A) Application: A person wishing to be registered as a "specialist" in a veterinary specialty shall make application upon a form provided by the state veterinary medical <u>licensing</u> board and shall provide all required credentials with said application. The <u>licensing</u> board, after consideration of the application and credentials, may issue a certificate registering the applicant as a "specialist" in the veterinary specialty stated, for purposes of practice in Ohio.
  - "Specialties" shall be those currently recognized by the American veterinary medical associationBoard of Veterinary Specialties. A current list of licensing board approved specialties will be maintained in the licensing board office.
- (B) Prohibitions: Veterinarians licensed to practice in this state may not hold represent themselves out as specialists until they have met the requirements of the American veterinary medical association for a specialty specialty board or college recognized by the American Board of Veterinary Specialties. AVMA internsInterns, residents and board eligible qualified veterinarians are not considered specialists until they have met the specific requirements, passed all tests and received an AVMA specialty certificate certification from a specialty organization as stated in paragraph (A) of this rule.

Any diplomate of a specialty recognized by the American <del>veterinary medical association</del> Board of Veterinary Specialties must notify the <u>licensing</u> board office within thirty days of failure to maintain current diplomate status, at which time the specialty license will be declared null and void.

No veterinarian shall use the title of "specialist" or represent himself or herself as a specialist unless registered by the state veterinary medical <u>licensing</u> board pursuant to <u>division (C) of section section</u> 4741.01(C) and <u>division (D) of section section</u> 4741.19(D) of the Revised Code and rule 4741-1-02 of the Administrative Code. Violation of this prohibition shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of any license or permit issued by the board.

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