

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Theresa Stir, Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board

**FROM:** Cory Bailey, Regulatory Policy Advocate, Lt. Governor's Office

**DATE:** August 10, 2015

**RE:** **CSI Review – National Exam for Veterinarians (OAC § 4714-1-04)**

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On behalf of Lt. Governor Mary Taylor, and pursuant to the authority granted to the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Office under Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) § 107.54, CSI has reviewed the abovementioned administrative rules and associated Business Impact Analysis (BIA). This memo represents CSI's comments to the Agency as provided for in R.C. § 107.54.

**Analysis**

On June 25, 2015, the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (OVMLB) submitted a draft rule package consisting of one amended rule to the CSI Office for review. The official public comment period closed on July 30, 2015 with no comments submitted.

The draft rule establishes requirements for applicants seeking licensure as a veterinarian. Applicants must meet education and examination standards, submit an application and criminal background check, and pay a licensing fee. The rule is being amended as a result of a recent legislative change. The amendment allows the OVMLB to accept applications for veterinary licensure from candidates that have been issued a certificate from the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). According to the BIA, 40 states and two countries have already recognized PAVE as meeting the education component of the licensure requirements.

Since the rule has not been submitted for a five-year rule review, the CSI review only extends to the amendment and not to the rule in its entirety. The amendment directly aligns with the change made in statute and increases flexibility by expanding education options for applicants. As a result, following review of the draft amendment and BIA, it has been determined that the standards espoused by the CSI Office have been met.

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**Recommendations**

For the reasons discussed above, the CSI Office does not have any recommendations for this rule package.

**Conclusion**

Based on the above comments, the CSI Office concludes that the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board should proceed with the formal filing of this rule package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

cc: Mark Hamlin, Lt. Governor's Office