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Practice Act Modernization Initiative Timeline and Activities, 2020-2023

The following table lists a timeline of key events in the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act modernization initiative.

This table does not reflect the full scope of coordination with Legislative Research Commission (LRC) Committee Staff and the Revisers to format the package appropriately for different stages of the legislative process, nor the many emails, phone calls, website updates, and drafting of legislative language that occurred between noted events.

Year	Month	Date	Activity
2020	May	28	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE Chairman Steven J. Wills, DVM orders KBVE Executive Director Michelle Shane to send the board preliminary materials for review related to possibly opening the Practice Act for updates.
	Jul	23	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE Chairman Steven J. Wills, DVM introduces a preliminary discussion about an effort to modernize the Practice Act.
	Sep	17	Regular Board Meeting. Members of the Board discussed the history of the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, and discussed calling a Board Retreat to complete focused work on updates to the current Act.
	Dec	3	Regular Board Meeting. Discuss of this initiative was tabled due to other Board business.
2021	Feb	4	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE Chairman Steven J. Wills, DVM introduces a timeline for the review and modernization of the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.
	Mar	25	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE began work on KRS 321.235.
	Apr	29	Special Board Meeting. KBVE addressed KRS 321.235, 321.240, 321.320, 321.175, 321.181.
	May	27	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE continued work on KRS321.181.
	Jun	17	Special Board Meeting. KBVE addressed KRS 321.185, 321.190, 321.193, 321.200, 321.201, 321.221, 321.211, 321.205, 321.188, 321.237, and new proposed statutes on 1) telemedicine, 2) medical records, 3) veterinary facility registration, and 4) renewal of facility registrations.
	Jul	29	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE addressed KRS 321.351, 321.353, 321.360, 321.990, and new proposed statutes on criminal background checks.

	Aug	12	Special Board Meeting. KBVE addressed 321.207, 321.441, 321.443, and new proposed statutes on veterinary facility responsible parties, renewal of certificates for animal control agencies and animal euthanasia specialists, the practice of veterinary technology, and renewal of licenses for veterinary technicians.
	Sep	23	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE continued work on KRS 321.175, 321.200, 321.181, 321.235, and 321.320, as well as more on telehealth and a proposed educational awards program to incentivize new graduates to work in rural and large animal medicine in Kentucky. A copy of the draft was provided to Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA) Leadership for their review, and review by the KVMA Practice Act Review Ad Hoc Committee.
	Oct	21	KBVE meeting with the Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners (KBCE) to discuss potential licensure of those working in chiropractic who also wish to work on animals.
	Oct	28	Special Board Meeting. KBVE discussed concerns and recommendations from the KVMA Practice Act Review Committee.
	Nov	5	KVMA Retreat. KBVE met with KVMA leadership to discuss draft.
	Nov	15	Stakeholder Zoom. KBVE met with Kentucky Veterinary Technician Association (KVTA) leadership to discuss draft.
	Dec	2	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE orders that the bill go to LRC for Bill Draft formatting and begins to seek a bill sponsor.
	Dec	16	Early regulation development. KBVE met with KVMA Leadership, walkthrough of very early draft regulations to learn intended direction. Focus was on veterinary facility registration, fees, and minimum standards.
2022	Jan	27	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE on notice that the bill sponsor Representative Matt Koch will file the bill in 2022 to alert everyone that this is coming and to foster conversations with key stakeholders over the next year.
	Feb	14	22RS HB 493 is filed in the Kentucky House to foster discussion about the bill.
	Feb	15	White Paper, One page Summary, and bill language added to KBVE website.
	Mar	3	KBVE met with Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) and introduced bill.
	Mar	24	Regular Board Meeting. Stakeholder meeting schedule introduced.
	Mar	29	KBVE-KVMA stakeholder presentation and discussion. @ South Central VMA – Bowling Green (Number of attendees = 41)
	Apr	6	KBVE-KVMA stakeholder presentation and discussion. @ Buffalo Trace VMA – Morehead (Number of attendees = 23)
	Apr	12	KBVE-KVMA stakeholder presentation and discussion. @ Greater Louisville VMA – Louisville (Number of attendees = 41)

	Apr	14	KBVE-KVMA stakeholder presentation and discussion. @ Central VMA – Lexington (Number of attendees = 33)
	Apr	19	KBVE-KVMA stakeholder presentation and discussion. @ West Central VMA – Madisonville (Number of attendees = 24)
	Apr	26	KBVE-KVMA stakeholder presentation and discussion. @ Jackson Purchase VMA – Paducah (Number of attendees = 38)
	Apr	28	KBVE-KVMA stakeholder presentation and discussion. @ Southeast VMA – Zoom (Number of attendees = 41)
	Apr	28	KBVE met with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), Kentucky HSUS, and Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA).
	May	18	KBVE-KVMA stakeholder presentation and discussion. @ Northern Kentucky VMA – Burlington (Number of attendees = 32)
	May	26	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE covers Practice Act meeting updates and policy discussions.
	May	31	KBVE-KVMA stakeholder presentation and discussion. @ KAEP – Lexington (Number of attendees = 29)
	Jun	1	KBVE-KVMA stakeholder presentation and discussion. @ Lincoln Trail VMA – Elizabethtown (Number of attendees = 21)
	Jun	15	KDA Commissioner Quarles Stakeholder Dialogue on Large Animal Shortages – KBVE presents on Practice Act and how changes will help pinpoint veterinary service area shortages, including presentation of licensee demographics information.
	Jun	23-24	Board Retreat. KBVE discussed all stakeholder comments and updated the Practice Act draft based off feedback and new insights.
	Jul	21	KBVE testimony before Interim Joint Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations (L&O) Committee.
	Jul	28	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE discussed outreach efforts and species-specific concerns.
	Jul	29-31	KBVE Dir. Shane attends AVMA Annual Convention – Announcement of the Coalition for Connected Veterinary Care (related to telehealth usage).
	Sep	8	KBVE Dir. Shane speaks at ACAB meeting.
	Sep	16	KBVE executive director presents at the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) 2023 Annual Meeting and presents efforts with Practice Act Modernization initiative, especially as related to veterinary facility registrations. KBVE Dir. Shane elected to AAVSB Board of Directors.
	Sep	21	KBVE Dir. Shane presents to the Kentucky Animal Care & Control Association (KACCA) annual meeting about Practice Act and regulations changes that animal control agencies and their employees need to know.

	Sep	23	KBVE Dir. Shane is top keynote speaker at KVMA 2023 Mid-America Conference annual luncheon; provided an update on the Practice Act Modernization initiative.
	Sep	27	KBVE – KBCE joint meeting with the Kentucky Association of Chiropractors (KAC) to discuss Allied Animal Health Professional permit.
	Sep	29	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE discussed meeting with KBCE and KAC; walk through of proposed revisions to the Practice Act draft, and discussed continued feedback about species-specific issues.
	Oct	4	Kentucky Day at Auburn. KBVE, KDA, OSV, KOAP, KVMA address Kentucky students. KVMA starts new Student Chapter at Auburn to assist with addressing veterinary shortage issues.
	Oct	14	KBVE – KBCE joint meeting to discuss Allied Animal Health Professional permit and potential details of regulations.
	Nov	2	KBVE – ACAB joint discussion.
	Nov	4	KBVE hosts a Stakeholder Zoom meeting on equines.
	Nov	9	KBVE hosts a Stakeholder Zoom meeting on large / food animal.
	Nov	9	Meeting with Kentucky Chamber staff.
	Nov	10	KBVE hosts a Stakeholder Zoom meeting on small animal.
	Nov	14	KBVE participates in Second Stakeholders Dialog on Veterinary Shortages, hosted by KDA Commissioner Quarles.
	Nov	29	KBVE-KVMA stakeholder presentation and discussion. @ Southeast VMA – London (Number of attendees = 29)
	Nov	30	Closure of the 2022 Veterinarian and LVT renewal cycle. All licensees were provided an opportunity to provide feedback on renewal form.
	Dec	1	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE heard from licensee presenters regarding need to change requirements for foreign graduates who are also trained and boarded veterinary specialists; Members reviewed additional feedback from the KBCE and KAC, and feedback from species-specific stakeholder Zoom meetings. Bill Sponsor Representative Matt Koch was in attendance, as were multiple KVMA representatives. KBVE conducted a walkthrough of final proposed edits to the draft.
	Dec	15	Special Board Meeting. Members of the Board met to remind everyone why they started the Practice Act initiative to begin with, and to consider possible options for compromise on the current draft in order to find agreement with KVMA and move the bill forward together and with their support.
2023	Jan	11	KBVE publishes preliminary Discussion Draft regulations on KBVE website to demonstrate good faith to stakeholders, showing the intended direction the board plans for regulations following the passage of the Practice Act.

	Jan	13-24	KVMA issues survey to the association's membership seeking to understand support and gather additional feedback on the Practice Act Modernization draft.
	Jan	19	Kentucky Day at Lincoln Memorial University (LMU). KBVE, KVMA address Kentucky students. KVMA starts new Student Chapter at LMU to assist with addressing veterinary shortage issues.
	Jan	23	KBVE and KVMA attend KTFMC and KAEP joint meeting at Keeneland regarding federal Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA).
	Jan	24	KBVE meeting with Rep. Matt Koch to provide a complete walk through of the bill.
	Jan	25	KBVE-KVMA joint meeting at the Annex with Rep. Matt Koch and LRC staff. Discussion of final compromises to move Practice Act forward in 2023 legislative session.
	Jan	26	Regular Board Meeting. KBVE discussed Jan 25 meeting with KVMA, and compromises needed to move forward with legislation. KBVE reviewed survey feedback from KVMA membership. Final edits to Practice Act draft.
	Feb	7	HB 167 filed during Kentucky 2023 Legislative Session.
	Feb	9	KBVE and KVMA meet with House Democratic Caucus.
	Feb	++	KBVE worked with Rep. Koch and LRC staff on HB 167 House Committee Substitute language to accommodate stakeholder requests.
	Feb	15	KBVE - KVMA testimony before House L&O Committee.
	Feb	16	KBVE – KBCE joint meeting to discuss Allied Animal Health Professional permit and potential details of regulations; request for added definitions to statutory package.
	Feb	21	HB 167 posted for passage on House Floor. Bill passes 95 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 NO VOTE.
		21	KBVE and KVMA attend Keeneland legislative talk "Issues in Frankfort Impacting Our Industry: The Importance of Legislation and Government Representation" (speakers: Rep. Koch, Sen. Thayer, Sen. Thompson, Sen. Bledsoe).
	Feb	23	KBVE-KVMA joint meeting with Senator Reginald Thomas; separate meeting with Senator Robin Webb.
	Feb	24	KBVE-KVMA joint meeting with Senator Jason Howell; additional meeting with Sen. Webb and Sen. Howell.
	Feb	28	KBVE-KVMA joint meeting with Sen. Howell.
	Mar	1	KBVE meeting with Senator Gary Boswell.
	Mar	2	KBVE-KVMA joint meeting with Senate Leader Damon Thayer.
	Mar	7	KBVE-KVMA joint meeting with Sen. Webb, followed by meeting with the Senate Democratic Caucus.

	Mar	8	KBVE-KVMA joint meeting with Sen. Howell and Rep. Koch; discussion with Kentucky Cattlemen's Association.
	Mar	++	KBVE worked with Rep. Koch and LRC staff on HB 167 Senate Committee Substitute language.
	Mar	14	KBVE - KVMA testimony before Senate Agriculture Committee.
	Mar	16	HB 167 posted for passage on Senate Floor. Bill passed 36 YEAS, 1 NAYS.
	Mar	16	HB returned to House for concurrence vote. Bill passed 93 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 7 NO VOTES.
	Mar	16	HB 167 delivered to Governor.
	Mar	23	Regular Board Meeting. Members of the Board review timeline to write new and amend existing administrative regulations in preparation for new programming and changes to the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.
	Mar	24	23RS HB 167 signed by Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear.
	May	11	Special Board Meeting. Members of the Board begin work on draft changes to administrative regulations: 201 KAR 16:590 (CE); 201 KAR 16:701 (Medical Records); 201 KAR 16:550, 201 KAR 16:552, 201 KAR 16:560 (ACA and AES applications); 201 KAR 16:702 (Standards for Veterinary Surgery); 201 KAR 16:750 - LVT tasks and duties; 201 KAR 16:515, 16:545, 16:565, 16:575, and 16:805 (Veterinary Facilities: fees, application requirements, responsibilities, renewal, voluntary inspections).
	May	25	Regular Board Meeting. Members of the KBVE discuss revenue needs for appropriate levels of staffing new programming, database upgrades, and educational awards program.
	Jun	21-22	Board Retreat. Members of the KBVE continue work on draft changes to administrative regulations in preparation for stakeholder outreach and coordination.
	Jun	29	HB 167 becomes law.
Ongoing			KBVE worked with KVMA and various stakeholder groups to finalize proposed administrative regulations and file initial regulatory package in October 2024. These proceeded through the public comment period and regulatory filing procedures established in KRS Chapter 13A. The first regulations for the new registered facility and AAHP programs became effective July 1, 2025. Regulatory work is ongoing to establish new programs, and pursuant to KRS 13A.3102, which requires that all regulations be certified or updated every seven (7) years to avoid sunset.