

**VETERINARY MEDICINE BOARD[811]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to civil penalties and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Board of Veterinary Medicine hereby proposes to amend Chapter 10, “Discipline,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 169.5.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 169.13.

*Purpose and Summary*

The proposed amendment implements changes made during the 2025 Legislative Session that provided the Board with the ability to issue civil penalties up to \$10,000.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on November 26, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- December 17, 2025

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 811—Chapter 14.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 7, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

Colin Tadlock  
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Hoover State Office Building  
1305 East Walnut Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
Phone: 515.518.7609  
Email: [colin.tadlock@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:colin.tadlock@iowaagriculture.gov)

*Public Hearing*

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rulemaking may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental

subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 811—10.6(17A,169,272C), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**811—10.6(17A,169,272C) Grounds for discipline and principles of veterinary medical ethics.** The provisions of Iowa Code sections 272C.10 and 169.13 are incorporated by reference. The board has established grounds for discipline and principles of ethics for veterinary medicine. Without regard as to whether the board has determined that an injury has occurred, the board may impose any of the disciplinary sanctions set forth in rule 811—10.7(17A,169,272C), including civil penalties in an amount not to exceed ~~\$1,000~~ \$10,000, when the board determines that the credential holder is guilty of any of the following acts or offenses: