

	<p>upload directly, streamlining the process for veterinarians and veterinary technicians to meet their mandatory CE requirements.</p>	
<p>OS-0418-16</p>	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u> <u>PDMP</u></p> <p>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years. ▪ The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the <i>Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0545). ▪ This legislation received a hearing on December 7th. Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health’s Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council. ▪ DC Health has been working on the Committee on Health following that hearing. A mark-up was held on March 21st, 2024. The legislation was passed unanimously by the Committee of the Whole on First Reading on April 2nd. It is scheduled for a Second Reading on May 7th. <p><i>Here is the summary of the legislation that was passed:</i></p> <p>A health professional who is licensed, registered, or certified in the District pursuant to this act may offer telehealth services to a District resident or an individual located within the District if the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The telehealth services are consistent with the applicable standard of care in the District and fall within the health professional's authorized scope of practice in the District. • The telehealth services are not otherwise prohibited by law or regulation. • A practitioner-patient or practitioner-client relationship can be established through telehealth, in accordance with the appropriate standard of care and the practitioner's competence and scope of practice. However, the Mayor may issue additional requirements 	

through rulemaking for specific health professionals to establish a practitioner-client relationship, including the possibility of an initial in-person physical examination.

DC Health Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight

- DC Health will have its Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight hearing in early April. This hearing offers an opportunity for the Committee on Health to review DC Health's proposed budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year.
 - You can find information about the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget [here](#).

Two hearings, one on April 10 for public witnesses and one on April 11 for representatives from DC Health also took place. These hearings can be watched here:

Hearing link (April 11th): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsl31tkyHtE>

Hearing link (April 10th): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpvDpBqBfaA>

Veterinarian Regulations

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-28&ChapterId=699>

Veterinary Technician Regulations

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-112&ChapterId=3904>

Veterinary Euthanasia Technician Regulations

<https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCMR/RuleList.aspx?ChapterNum=17-111&ChapterId=3903>

The new Veterinary Technician and Euthanasia Technicians regulations became effective Friday, August 6, 2021. At this time, the DC Department of Health will not be issuing registrations until the process is in place.

The Department of Health is currently creating the platform by which individuals can submit an application for registration as either a Veterinary Technician or a Veterinary Euthanasia Technician. Once the platform is

	available, there will be a grace period for which individuals will need to come into full compliance.	
OS-0418-17	<u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u> https://dccouncil.us/events/list/	

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0418-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>
OS-0418-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>
OS-0418-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>

CLOSING	
OS-0418-21	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Executive Section, which is closed to the public, to seek the advice of counsel to the board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4); to administer licensing of health professionals governed by the Board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(9); administration of licensing pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); discuss ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14). This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov</p>
OS-0418-22	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p>

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **May 16, 2024**

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