

# Legislative Analysis

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR VETERINARIANS AND VETERINARIAN TECHNICIANS

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**House Bill 4408 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Kathy Crawford**  
**Committee: Agriculture**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4408 would amend the Public Health Code by adding a new section, Section 18813, which would require licensees seeking renewal of a veterinarian license or veterinarian technician license to provide the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) with evidence of completion of continuing education courses, if so requested by LARA.

The continuing education courses or programs must be approved by the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine and have been completed during the two years immediately preceding the licensee's application for renewal of the veterinarian or veterinarian technician license.

Individuals seeking renewal of a veterinarian license must complete at least 30 hours of continuing education courses, while those seeking renewal of a veterinarian technician license are required to complete at least 10 hours of continuing education courses.

The bill would take effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

HB 4408 could have a nominal fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), if the Board of Veterinary Medicine opted to require continuing education, to the extent that the Board, with administrative support from LARA, would necessarily promulgate continuing education standards and approve educational programs. Expenditures made by or on behalf of the Board are supported with regulatory fees paid by licensed health professionals.

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