

(1) The Alabama Veterinary Practice Act of the general statutes of Alabama establishes and authorizes the Alabama State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners hereafter referred to as the Board.

(2) In order to promote the public health, safety and welfare by safeguarding the people of this state against unqualified or incompetent practitioners of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology it is hereby declared that the right to practice veterinary medicine and veterinary technology is a privilege conferred by legislative grant to persons having the personal and professional qualifications specified in the Alabama Practice Act and this Administrative Code.

(3) **Definitions** - for the purposes of defining and clarifying the following terms in the Administrative Code 930-X-1, the following definitions shall be ascribed by this rule.

(a) **Licensed Veterinary Technician.** Only LVT's that have been issued a certificate of qualification by the ASBVME shall be allowed to use the title of LVT.

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(b) **Veterinary Technician.** For the purpose of clarification in the Administrative Code the term "veterinary technician" shall be interpreted as "licensed veterinary technician".

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