

**IC 15-17-16**  
**Chapter 16. Licenses**

**IC 15-17-16-1**

**Application; forms**

Sec. 1. (a) An application for a license under this article must be made on forms prescribed by the board. The board may adopt a rule that requires:

- (1) the information on the application to be subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before a notary public by the applicant or the applicant's authorized representative; and
- (2) that the affidavit is a component of the application.

(b) The application must include the information required by this article. The board shall use the information from the application and other information as the board considers pertinent to determine whether a license should be issued, suspended, revoked, or denied.

*As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.8.*

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**Foreign corporation consent to service**

Sec. 2. (a) Except for an applicant that is a foreign corporation, a nonresident applicant for a license under this article must file with the board an irrevocable consent that specifies the following:

- (1) The proceedings against the applicant may be filed in any appropriate court of any county or municipality in Indiana where:
  - (A) the plaintiff resides; or
  - (B) any part of the transaction occurred out of which the alleged cause of action arose.

(2) The process in any action may be served on the applicant by leaving with the board two (2) copies of the complaint or pleadings that have been filed in an Indiana court.

(3) That the service of process in subdivision (2) is valid and binding for all purposes.

(b) The board shall promptly forward, by registered mail, one (1) copy of any service of process to the applicant at the address shown on the records of the board.

(c) A foreign corporation may not receive a license under this chapter until it is authorized by the secretary of state to do business in Indiana.

*As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.8.*

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**Rules; renewal**

Sec. 3. (a) The board may adopt rules concerning the following:

- (1) Annual or biannual renewal of any class of license issued under this article.
- (2) A common renewal date for each class of license.

(b) The state veterinarian or the state veterinarian's authorized agent shall sign each license issued by the board.

*As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 15-17-16-4**

##### **Refusal for cause**

Sec. 4. The board may not refuse to issue a license without cause.

*As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 15-17-16-5**

##### **Grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation**

Sec. 5. The board may refuse to issue or reissue and may suspend or revoke a license issued under this article for any of the following reasons relating to the licensee or applicant for a license:

- (1) Material misstatement in the application for original license, or in the application for any reissue of a license, under this article.
- (2) Violation of this article or of a rule or order of the board.
- (3) Abetting another in the violation of this article or of a rule or order of the board.
- (4) Allowing a license issued under this article to be used by an unlicensed person.
- (5) Conviction of a crime, an essential element of which is misstatement, fraud, or dishonesty.
- (6) Conviction for violating a law or regulation of another state or of the United States that is materially similar to a substantive provision of this article or a rule of the board.
- (7) Suspension or other disciplinary action taken by the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture under the Packers and Stock Yards Acts of 1921 (7 U.S.C. 181 through 7 U.S.C. 229), as amended, if it appears that the applicant or licensee committed or participated in the violation covered by the disciplinary action.
- (8) Material misrepresentation or false promises of a character likely to influence, persuade, or induce to action, in connection with any business subject to this article.
- (9) Failure to possess the qualifications determined by the board to be necessary or to meet the requirements of this article for the issuance or holding of a license.

*As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 15-17-16-6**

##### **Duty to comply during litigation**

Sec. 6. Pending:

- (1) a proceeding to suspend or revoke a license issued under this article; or
- (2) an appeal from a decision to suspend or revoke a license issued under this article;

each person affected by the proceeding or appeal shall continue to

comply with this article.  
*As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 15-17-16-7**

##### **Investigations**

Sec. 7. The board:

- (1) may upon its own motion; and
- (2) shall upon a verified written complaint that alleges facts that would constitute grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license under this article;

investigate the actions of an applicant or person holding or claiming to hold a license under this article.

*As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 15-17-16-8**

##### **Surrender of license**

Sec. 8. After the revocation or suspension of a license, the licensee must surrender the license to the board. If the licensee fails to surrender the license, the board may seize the license.

*As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 15-17-16-9**

##### **Offenses; unlicensed person**

Sec. 9. A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally engages in an activity without a license required for the activity under this article commits a Level 6 felony.

*As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.8. Amended by P.L.158-2013, SEC.212.*