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**DISCIPLINE OF LICENSEES; PERMITTEES; REGISTRANTS: MANDATORY STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

Grounds for disciplinary action shall include those as stated in G.S. 90-187.8, in addition to (but not limited to), the following:

- (1) making untrue and deceitful statements in any application or representation to the Board, or in any professional relationship, or in a veterinarian-client-patient relationship as that relationship is defined in G.S. 90-181(7a);
- (2) acting in such a manner as to enable others to evade the animal and public health requirements related to the practice of veterinary medicine, as administered by the North Carolina or U.S. Departments of Agriculture or the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, or to the provisions of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act;
- (3) making, promising to make or accepting contributions of money, goods or services for purposes of bribing any person with whom the person licensed has a professional association, or has a veterinarian-client-patient relationship as defined in G.S. 90-181(7a), or to whom the person holding a license renders or offers to render professional services to the extent allowed under the license;
- (4) defrauding or willfully misleading the Board or any person with whom he or she has a professional association, or has a veterinarian-client-patient relationship as defined in G.S. 90-181(7a), or to whom the person holding the license renders or offers to render professional services to the extent allowed under the license;
- (5) violating the laws of North Carolina or any other state related to the practice of veterinary medicine or the delivery of services as allowed by the license issued by the Board, or violating any veterinary licensing Board rule in this or another state; and
- (6) communicating verbally or in writing information which tends to discredit the reputation, integrity or professional competence of a veterinarian, permittee or registrant, and which information is false, or done in reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the information communicated.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-185(6); 90-187.8;  
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