

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
POSITION STATEMENT**

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**THE PREMISES PERMIT EXEMPTION FOR VETERINARY FACILITIES “OPERATED  
BY AN OFFICIAL AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT”  
UNDER T.C.A. § 63-12-139(i)(2)**

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**Under T.C.A. § 63-12-139(i)(2), “a veterinary facility operated by an official agency of the federal or state government” is exempt from the premises permit requirement.**

**It is the position of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners that this exemption does not apply to veterinary services provided at sale barns (e.g. Coggins tests, etc.) when such services are not preliminary to the sale, at that sale barn, of the animals for which the services are being provided.**

**Adopted by the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on July 29, 2014.**