**STATE’S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education/experience requirements:**

- The equivalent of a doctorate degree of Veterinary Medicine (DVM).
- Seven years of experience in the diagnosis and management of animal diseases in a university, governmental, industrial, or private practice involving livestock and poultry.
- Must possess Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, currently be licensed by the Veterinary Medical Examining Board in accordance with ACA 17-101-301 and a federally Accredited Veterinarian.

**Knowledge of:**

- Federal and state laws and regulations and procedures that affect animal health programs.
- The pertinent livestock and poultry industries (dairy, beef, swine, poultry, sheep, goats).
- Practice of veterinary medicine, including dogs and cats.

**Ability to:**

- To advise and provide leadership to executive director regarding animal health issues.
- To interpret and explain the impact of federal, state, and local laws and regulations on administration of an animal health program.
- To establish and maintain effective working relationships with state and federal officials and the general public.