

HOUSE BILL 1163

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture – Veterinary Feed Directives – Information Collection**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain veterinarian who issues a certain veterinary feed
4 directive to submit to the Department of Agriculture certain information in a certain
5 manner; requiring the Department to maintain certain information and make the
6 information available for public review in a certain manner; requiring the
7 Department to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a
8 certain date each year, beginning on or before a certain date; and generally relating
9 to veterinary feed directives.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Agriculture

12 Section 3–1001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Veterinary Feed Directives”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Agriculture**

18 **SUBTITLE 10. VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVES.**

19 **3–1001.**

20 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE” MEANS A WRITTEN**
21 **STATEMENT ISSUED BY A VETERINARIAN LICENSED IN THE STATE IN THE COURSE**
22 **OF THE VETERINARIAN’S PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE THAT:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) ORDERS THE USE OF AN ANIMAL DRUG IN OR ON LIVESTOCK OR**
2 **POULTRY FEED;**

3 **(2) AUTHORIZES AN OWNER OR CARETAKER OF LIVESTOCK OR**
4 **POULTRY TO OBTAIN AND USE ANIMAL FEED BEARING OR CONTAINING AN ANIMAL**
5 **DRUG TO TREAT THE LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY; AND**

6 **(3) MEETS THE CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED UNDER**
7 **TITLE 21, § 558.6 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.**

8 **(B) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, AND EVERY 6 MONTHS THEREAFTER, A**
9 **VETERINARIAN WHO ISSUES A VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE**
10 **DEPARTMENT, IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE FOLLOWING**
11 **INFORMATION FROM EACH VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE ISSUED DURING THE**
12 **PREVIOUS 6 MONTHS:**

13 **(1) DATE OF ISSUANCE;**

14 **(2) EXPIRATION DATE;**

15 **(3) NAME OF EACH ANIMAL DRUG;**

16 **(4) PRIMARY INDICATION FOR USE FOR EACH ANIMAL DRUG;**

17 **(5) SPECIES AND PRODUCTION CLASS OF EACH ANIMAL TO BE FED**
18 **THE MEDICATED FEED;**

19 **(6) APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF ANIMALS TO BE FED THE MEDICATED**
20 **FEED;**

21 **(7) LEVEL OF EACH ANIMAL DRUG ORDERED FOR THE FEED AND THE**
22 **AMOUNT OF FEED REQUIRED FOR TREATMENT;**

23 **(8) FEEDING INSTRUCTIONS WITH THE WITHDRAWAL TIME;**

24 **(9) NUMBER OF REORDERS AUTHORIZED BY THE VETERINARY FEED**
25 **DIRECTIVE IF REORDERS ARE PERMITTED UNDER FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION;**
26 **AND**

27 **(10) ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**
28 **NECESSARY FOR THE USE OF THE ANIMAL DRUG IN CONFORMANCE WITH ANIMAL**
29 **DRUG APPROVALS UNDER FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION.**

1 **(C) ALL RECORDS AND INFORMATION RELATING TO A VETERINARY FEED**
2 **DIRECTIVE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE**
3 **MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW IN A**
4 **MANNER THAT PROVIDES THE GREATEST PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS AND**
5 **INFORMATION WHILE PROTECTING THE IDENTITY OF THE FARM OPERATION OR**
6 **OWNER OF THE FARM OPERATION FOR WHICH THE VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE**
7 **RELATES.**

8 **(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2017, AND EACH DECEMBER 1**
9 **THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE EDUCATION,**
10 **HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE**
11 **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
12 **2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED**
13 **UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2016.