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Favorable – HB 1097 – State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Assistants – Del. Guyton

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I respectfully request a favorable report on HB 1097 that clarifies the duties of a registered veterinary technician in Maryland code.

We have heard in this committee before that there are shortages in the veterinary field. In addition, registered veterinary technicians are underutilized and advance training is disincentivized due to a lack of clarity and consistency regarding their duties.

This bill will codify the duties a registered veterinary technician can perform in Maryland and is based on recommendations and model legislation from American Veterinary Medical Association in partnership with Association of Veterinary State Boards. HB 1097 defines which duties can be done under immediate, direct, and indirect supervision of a veterinarian.

The AVMA recognizes the importance on leveraging skills and engagement of registered veterinary technicians. This legislation will be one of the first steps to ensure that this happens in Maryland.

This bill supports our state economy by keeping better paying jobs in Maryland. And this helps our animals as well, allowing veterinarians to utilize registered veterinary technicians more efficiently and improve access to care.

Please support HB 1097.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delegate Michele Guyton".

Delegate Michele Guyton