



February 9, 2026

House Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland General Assembly
Annapolis, MD

Re: HB 0452 – State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – Grounds for Disciplinary Action –
Restrictions

Dear House Environment and Transportation Committee Members,

Reverend Bobcat Goldthwait was a great coworker. He would remind me to get up and look out the window. He would sit on the back of my chair or take it for himself. He would listen to me complain about reading all the statutes all day long and trying to restate them. He was a good family cat and lived to be around 13 or 14.

Unfortunately, he had some health issues after living so long. He had some glaucoma in both eyes, and at the end of his life, he had a blockage in his urinary tract which threatened his life. The blockage appeared in the middle of a move, in the middle of my bar exam study period. It was an emergency pretty much immediately as he cried every time I saw him that day, after many trips out to stores in the area looking for a cranberry urinary supplement that he had used before the move. I couldn't find it anywhere, and so we were off to the vet. There was nothing they could do for him. We buried him the next day in a cardboard coffin marked R.B.G..

I was the most pathetic cat-mom at that moment. I felt really helpless. If my veterinarian could have suggested a CBD supplement when he first got sick, maybe it would have helped him to relax enough to drink more fluids again and pass the blockage. I don't know. I'm not a vet. But I would've tried it immediately for him if I'd known. It was really difficult to lose my buddy who had been with us for around 14 years.

Most people called him Bob. The name Reverend Bob came from a friend of my mom who had passed away around the time the kitten was found. When me and my kids took over care of him, I extended it to Reverend Bobcat Goldthwait. I had tried out for and passed three physical and written police exams but decided to go on to law school when I was told I'd need a hearing about my background. I had aged out of consideration at the time I got the news. I'm now too disabled to ever consider it again. The actor Bobcat Goldthwait played one of the characters in Police Academy and Bob's nervous style and good nature seemed to make for a good parody to the anxious and weird cadet played by Goldthwait. That being said, if we had pot for puppies and kittens, and pot for cops, I think we'd have a much nicer crew.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. L. Reid".

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