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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 66 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Agriculture)

Environmental Matters

Veterinary Practice Act - Practice of Veterinary Medicine

This departmental bill requires all out-of-state veterinarians who practice in Maryland to register annually with the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners regardless of whether they have an office in the State. However, it permits a veterinarian licensed in another jurisdiction to consult with a veterinary practitioner licensed in Maryland.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Negligible increase in general fund revenue annually (up to \$1,600). No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Agriculture has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Under current law out-of-state veterinarians who are licensed to practice in the State and do not have offices in the State are not required to register with the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The bill requires all veterinarians, who are licensed to practice in the State regardless of whether they have an office in the State, to register annually with the board and to pay an \$80 registration fee. As a result, general fund revenue will increase depending on the number of out-of-state veterinarians who register with the

board. The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners estimates that fewer than 20 out-of-state veterinarians would have to register with the board annually.

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