HOUSE BILL 1437

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By: **Delegates Pendergrass, Guzzone, and F. Turner**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Veterinarians – Licenses – Waiver of Requirements**

3   FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to
4   waive a certain license requirement of continuous practice for an applicant who
5   had been relocated outside the United States under certain circumstances;
6   requiring an applicant to submit certain proof to the Board; and generally
7   relating to the licensing of veterinarians in the State.

8   BY adding to
9   Article – Agriculture
10   Section 2–307.1
11   Annotated Code of Maryland
12   (1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

16   **2–307.1.**

17   (A)   **THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO**
18   **PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THE STATE IF THE APPLICANT:**

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
    [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   **(1)   HAS AN ACTIVE VETERINARY LICENSE FROM ANOTHER STATE;**
2   **AND**

3   **(2)   IS UNABLE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD DUE**
4   **TO A RELOCATION OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES THAT RESULTED FROM**
5   **GOVERNMENT SERVICE OF THE APPLICANT OR THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE.**

6   **(B)   THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUOUS**
7   **CLINICAL PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE FOR THE 5–YEAR PERIOD**
8   **PRECEDING THE DATE OF APPLICATION IF THE APPLICANT MEETS THE**
9   **REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION.**

10   **(C)   IN ORDER TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE**
11   **APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD PROOF OF:**

12   **(1)   GOVERNMENT   SERVICE   AND   RESIDENCY   OUTSIDE   THE**
13   **UNITED STATES; AND**

14   **(2)   AN ACTIVE VETERINARY LICENSE FROM ANOTHER STATE.**

15   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16   July 1, 2007.