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BY: Senator Jennings

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 67
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Acts” insert “and Veterinary Practitioner Requirements”; in line 3, after “of” insert “requiring, to the extent practicable, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to discourage certain declawing procedures and to support alternatives to declawing procedures; requiring the State Board to include certain continuing education requirements for veterinary practitioners;”; in line 4, after “cat” insert “or advertising for certain declawing procedures”; in line 5, strike “of Veterinary Medical Examiners”; in line 16, after “(g-1)” insert “, 2-302.2,”; and in line 21, after “Section” insert “2-304(e) and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 25, insert:

“2-302.2.

TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) DISCOURAGE ELECTIVE DECLAWING PROCEDURES ON CATS;

AND

(2) SUPPORT NONSURGICAL ALTERNATIVES TO DECLAWING PROCEDURES ON CATS.

2-304.

(e) (1) The Board may authorize the practice of a health occupation on an animal by a health care practitioner licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under the Health Occupations Article.

(Over)

(2) (I) If the Board authorizes the practice of a health occupation on an animal under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Board may:

[(i)] 1. Impose requirements for education, training, and supervision by a veterinary practitioner; and

[(ii)] 2. Require the registration of each health care practitioner authorized to practice a health occupation on an animal in accordance with this subsection.

(II) REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT A VETERINARY PRACTITIONER RECEIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION ON BEST PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO DECLAWING PROCEDURES ON CATS.”.

On page 4, in line 9, after “NOT” insert “:

(1)”;

in the same line, strike “PERFORM” and substitute “PERFORM”; in line 10, after “CAT” insert “; OR

(2) ADVERTISE THE AVAILABILITY OF DECLAWING PROCEDURES OR CORRESPONDING PRICE ESTIMATES OR PRICES FOR DECLAWING PROCEDURES”;

in line 12, after “IF” insert “:

(1)”;

in the same line, strike “**THE**” and substitute “**THE**”; in line 13, after “**PURPOSE**” insert “**; OR**”

(2) THE CAT FACES A HIGH LIKELIHOOD OF SURRENDER TO AN ANIMAL SHELTER WITHOUT THE DECLAWING PROCEDURE”;

and after line 13, insert:

“(C) (1) IF A VETERINARY PRACTITIONER PERFORMS A DECLAWING PROCEDURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE VETERINARY PRACTITIONER SHALL:

(I) HOLD AN IN-PERSON CONSULTATION WITH THE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING THE PROCEDURE;

(II) ADVISE THE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING THE PROCEDURE OF:

- 1. THE NATURAL SCRATCHING BEHAVIOR OF CATS;**
- 2. THE RISKS, DETAILS, AND POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS OF DECLAWING PROCEDURES; AND**
- 3. ALTERNATIVES TO DECLAWING PROCEDURES;**

(III) REQUIRE THE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING THE PROCEDURE TO WAIT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BETWEEN THE IN-PERSON CONSULTATION AND SCHEDULING THE PROCEDURE; AND

(Over)

(IV) UTILIZE MULTIMODAL PERIOPERATIVE PAIN MANAGEMENT AFTER THE PROCEDURE IS COMPLETE.

(2) A VETERINARY PRACTITIONER SHALL DOCUMENT COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.”.