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BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 643  
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in line 9, strike the brackets; and in line 10, strike the semicolon and substitute a period.

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 3 through line 5 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, after line 5, insert:

**“(D) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE OFFICE SHALL ASSIST IN THE REPAYMENT OF THE AMOUNT OF ANY HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN OWED BY:**

**(1) A VETERINARIAN PRACTITIONER WHO HAS PROVIDED VETERINARY SERVICES AS:**

**(i) AN EMPLOYEE IN THE STATE FOR A PERIOD NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS; OR**

**(ii) A VOLUNTEER FOR A MINIMUM OF 100 HOURS PER YEAR FOR A PERIOD NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS AT AN ANIMAL SHELTER THAT IS OWNED BY:**

**1. A LOCAL GOVERNMENT;**

**2. AN ORGANIZATION CONTRACTED TO PERFORM ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT; OR**

**3. AN ORGANIZATION THAT SHELTERS ANIMALS AND WAS A RECIPIENT OF THE MARYLAND SPAY AND NEUTER GRANTS PROGRAM DURING THE PRIOR YEAR; OR**

**(2) A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN WHO HAS PROVIDED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SERVICES AS:**

**(I) AN EMPLOYEE IN THE STATE FOR A PERIOD NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS; OR**

**(II) A VOLUNTEER FOR A MINIMUM OF 100 HOURS PER YEAR FOR A PERIOD NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS AT AN ANIMAL SHELTER THAT IS OWNED BY:**

**1. A LOCAL GOVERNMENT;**

**2. AN ORGANIZATION CONTRACTED TO PERFORM ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT; OR**

**3. AN ORGANIZATION THAT SHELTERS ANIMALS AND WAS A RECIPIENT OF THE MARYLAND SPAY AND NEUTER GRANTS PROGRAM DURING THE PRIOR YEAR.”;**

and in lines 6, 10, 13, and 15, strike “(d)”, “(e)”, “(f)”, and “(g)”, respectively, and substitute “**(E)**”, “**(F)**”, “**(G)**”, and “**(H)**”, respectively.