



**Maryland's Association of Animal Care and Control
Agencies and Humane Societies**

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**SB 0390 Provision of Veterinary Services - Routine Medical Care and Rabies Vaccines
Maryland Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**

February 10, 2023

Dear Honorable Chairman Feldman, Vice-Chairman Kagan, and members of the committee:

Professional Animal Workers of Maryland, the state organization comprised of animal control agencies and humane societies has a majority vote to support with amendments SB0390 Provision of Veterinary Services - Routine Medical Care and Rabies Vaccines.

We understand and appreciate the concerns with the original bill and support the amendments striking out of state veterinary access at this time. We strongly support changes allowing expanded access to rabies vaccinations for MD animal shelters. This is not only a public health issue we deal with regularly, but further access to vaccinating animals in our care and custody will move animals out of shelters faster.

We respectfully ask for a favorable report on this bill.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Katie Flory

Treasurer: Professional Animal Workers of Maryland