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(To be offered in the 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.