HOUSE BILL 325

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ENROLLED BILL

— Environment and Transportation/Education, Energy, and the Environment —

Introduced by Delegates Terrasa, Lehman, Allen, Attar, Chang, Forbes, Grossman, Guyton, Kaiser, R. Lewis, McCaskill, McComas, Palakovich Carr, Pasteur, Ruth, Stewart, Taveras, and Wu

Read and	Examined by Proofreaders:	
		Proofreader.
		Proofreader.
Sealed with the Great Seal and	presented to the Governor, for	his approval this
day of	at o	'clock,M.
		Speaker.
	CHAPTER	
AN ACT concerning		
Provision of Veterinary Service <u>Medic</u>	s – Routine Medical Care <u>Pract</u> ne and Rabies Vaccines	ice of Veterinary
	State Board of Veterinary Medical facility to administer rabies vac	

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 2 3 4 5	BY repealing Article – Agriculture Section 2–304(e) Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
6 7 8 9	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Agriculture Section 2–304(f) <u>and 2–305</u> Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
11 12 13 14	BY adding to Article – Agriculture Section 2–305.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
16 17 18 19 20	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Health – General Section 18–313 Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
21 22	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
23	Article – Agriculture
24	2–304.
25 26 27	[(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.
28 29	(2) If the Board authorizes the practice of a health occupation on an animal under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Board may:
30 31	(i) Impose requirements for education, training, and supervision by a veterinary practitioner; and
32 33	(ii) Require the registration of each health care practitioner authorized to practice a health occupation on an animal in accordance with this subsection.]

- 1 On or before December 31 each year, the Board shall report to the 2 Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General 3 Assembly on the Board's disciplinary activities for the previous fiscal year. 4 *2*–*305*. In this section, "animal control facility" means a humane society, as defined in 5 *(a)* § 10-601 of the Criminal Law Article, or a county or municipal designated animal shelter. 6 7 The Board, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Board, may issue a license to an animal control facility to allow the animal control facility to administer 8 9 Idrugsl: 10 *(1)* **DRUGS** needed to sedate, euthanize, or sedate and euthanize animals; 11 AND12 *(2)* RABIES VACCINES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 18-313 OF THE 13 HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE. (c) (1) *(i)* 14 The owner of an animal control facility shall apply for the license. 15 (ii) The Board shall issue a license in the name of the owner of an 16 animal control facility. 17 *(2)* The application shall designate one individual at the facility responsible 18 for the drugs AND RABIES VACCINES. 19 (3) The annual license fee is \$100. 20 In accordance with procedures set out in § 2–311 of this subtitle, the Board (d) 21may:22<u>(1)</u> Reject an application for a license; or 23 <u>(2)</u> Suspend or revoke a license for failure to comply with the Board's 24regulations. 25An animal control facility licensed under this section shall comply with the (e) Board's requirements relating to employee training. 26
- 30 (g) In consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Board shall 31 adopt regulations necessary to carry out this section.

animal control facility licensed under this section at any reasonable hour to enforce the

A member of the Board, or the Board's designated inspector, may enter an

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Board's regulations.

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- 2 (A) (1) THE BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE THE PRACTICE OF A HEALTH 3 OCCUPATION ON AN ANIMAL BY A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER LICENSED,
- 4 CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS
- 5 ARTICLE.
- 6 (2) IF THE BOARD AUTHORIZES THE PRACTICE OF A HEALTH OCCUPATION ON AN ANIMAL UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD MAY:
- 9 (I) IMPOSE REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND SUPERVISION BY A VETERINARY PRACTITIONER; AND
- 11 (II) REQUIRE THE REGISTRATION OF EACH HEALTH CARE
 12 PRACTITIONER AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE A HEALTH OCCUPATION ON AN ANIMAL
 13 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION.
- 14 **(B)** (1) THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AN EXPEDITED PROCESS TO
 15 AUTHORIZE A VETERINARY PRACTITIONER LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE
 16 AUTHORIZED WHO HOLDS A CURRENT, VALID LICENSE TO PRACTICE VETERINARY
 17 MEDICINE IN ANOTHER STATE OR JURISDICTION TO PROVIDE ROUTINE MEDICAL
 18 CARE IN THE STATE IF THE VETERINARY PRACTITIONER:
- 19 WILL PROVIDE THE SERVICES TO AN ANIMAL SHELTER, AS 20 DEFINED IN § 2–1701 OF THIS TITLE, LOCATED IN THE STATE; AND
- 21 (II) IS NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED FROM PRACTICING
 22 VETERINARY MEDICINE DUE TO A KNOWN ETHICS OR CRIMINAL VIOLATION.
- 23 (2) THE ROUTINE MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED BY A VETERINARY
 24 PRACTITIONER AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE UNDER
 25 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY INCLUDE:
- 26 (I) SPAYING AND NEUTERING;
- 27 (II) VACCINATIONS;
- 28 (HI) HEALTH EXAMINATIONS; AND
- 29 (IV) COMPLETING CERTIFICATIONS OF HEALTH BECOME 30 LICENSED TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THE STATE.

1	Article – Health – General
2	18–313.
3	The Secretary of Health shall provide a statewide system:
4	(1) To control rabies;
5 6 7	(2) To grant authority to the public health veterinarian and the local health officer in matters pertaining to the disposition of animals that bite or otherwise expose rabies to an individual;
8 9	(3) To assist local political subdivisions regarding the laboratory testing of rabid animals;
10 11	(4) To treat each individual who is exposed or suspected of having been exposed to rabies; [and]
12 13	(5) To distribute, in accordance with the conditions set by the Secretary of Agriculture, the biological products that are needed to prevent and treat rabies; AND
14	(6) To allow individuals who work in or for a veterinary
15	HOSPITAL, AS DEFINED IN § 2–304.1 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE A VETERINARY
16	TECHNICIAN, AS DEFINED IN § 2–301 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE, OR OTHER
17	CLINICAL STAFF WHO WORK IN OR FOR AN ANIMAL SHELTER, AS DEFINED IN §
18	2–1701 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE, OR AN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY, AS
19	DEFINED IN § 2-305 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE, TO ADMINISTER RABIES
20	VACCINES IF:
21	(I) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WORKING IN OR FOR A VETERINARY
22	HOSPITAL, THE VETERINARY HOSPITAL IS LICENSED UNDER § 2-304.1 OF THE
23	AGRICULTURE ARTICLE;
24	(II) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WORKING IN OR FOR AN ANIMAL
25	CONTROL FACILITY, THE THE ANIMAL SHELTER OR ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY IS
26	LICENSED TO ADMINISTER DRUGS UNDER § 2–305 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE;
27	AND
28	(HI) THE RABIES VACCINE IS ADMINISTERED IN ACCORDANCE
29	WITH APPLICABLE PROTOCOLS FOR LICENSED VETERINARIANS
30	(II) THE ANIMAL BEING VACCINATED IS UNDER THE CUSTODY

(II) THE ANIMAL BEING VACCINATED IS UNDER THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER OR ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY;

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1	(III) THE VETERINARY PRACTITIONER WHO SIGNS THE RABIES
2	VACCINATION CERTIFICATE HAS ENSURED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ADMINISTERING
3	THE RABIES VACCINE WAS APPROPRIATELY TRAINED ON ADMINISTERING RABIES
4	VACCINES, INCLUDING PROPER STORAGE, HANDLING, ADMINISTRATION, AND
5	MANAGEMENT OF ADVERSE REACTIONS; AND
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6	(IV) THE INDIVIDUAL ADMINISTERING THE VACCINE IS
7	IDENTIFIED ON THE RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE.
8	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,
9	2023, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall report to the General
10	Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on:
11	(1) the status of establishing an expedited process for a veterinary
12	practitioner who holds a valid, current license to practice veterinary medicine in another
13	state or jurisdiction to become licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State as
14	authorized under Section 1 of this Act; and
15	(2) any financial support needed to implement the expedited process.
10	(2) any financial support needed to implement the expedited process.
16	SECTION \(\frac{1}{4} \) 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17	October 1, 2023.
	Approved:
	$\qquad \qquad \text{Governor}.$
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.
	President of the Senate.