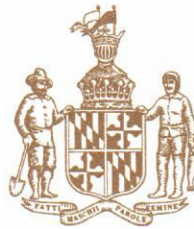


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The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chair and Members
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Re: Senate Bill SB 189 – State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – Practicing Veterinary
Medicine Without a License – Cease and Desist Order and Civil Penalty

Position: Support

Chairman Pinsky and Fellow Committee Members:

Senate Bill 189 would allow the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners the ability to issue a cease and desist order and impose a civil penalty against a person who practices, attempts to practice, or offers to practice veterinary medicine without a license.

Currently, the only recourse is to refer an incident to the State's Attorney or to law enforcement which does not often place these complaints high on their priorities. I urge a favorable report on SB 189 to allow the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to take swift action against these unlicensed veterinarians attempting to perform surgeries for a fee.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this proposed legislation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Gallion".

Senator Jason Gallion