

Testimony of Dr. Bob Cohn

SB67

Animal Welfare - Declawing Cats - Prohibited Acts

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

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I am Bob Cohn, DVM. I am a practicing veterinarian and have been the owner of North Laurel Animal Hospital in Laurel, MD for nearly 40 years.

I feel it is important to meet the highest standards of performance and practice of the veterinary practice. I am a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), the Eastern Veterinary Orthopedic Society (EVOS), the Veterinary Orthopedic Society (VOS) and the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA).

I do not perform elective declawing of cats. I believe the procedure is harmful to cats, causing them long-term physical and behavioral problems. I strongly support SB 67 and urge you to vote YES on this important animal protection bill to stop the unnecessary and inhumane practice of declawing in Maryland.