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STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

TO: Maryland Veterinary Medical Association
American Veterinary Medical Association

FROM: Chris H. Runde, D.V.M.
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SUBJECT: Licensing of Veterinarians from Other States

DATE: September 8, 2005

The destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina has displaced many veterinarians and affected their ability to practice veterinary medicine.

Veterinarians from all states are welcome to seek licensure to practice veterinary medicine in Maryland. Although the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act does not grant the authority to issue a temporary license, COMAR 15.14.08 describes how a veterinarian licensed and in good standing in another state may be licensed in Maryland. A veterinarian licensed in another state may practice in Maryland if the veterinarian:

1. Makes application for approval to the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, 50 Harry Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Maryland 21401;
2. Has satisfied one of the following:
 - (a) Engaged in the clinical practice of veterinary medicine continuously for the preceding 5 years from application, or
 - (b) Taught clinical veterinary medicine for the preceding 5 years from application at an institution accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association;
3. Paid all appropriate fees;
4. Passed the Board Examination, consisting of a notarized statement submitted to the Board, attesting to the fact that the applicant has read and comprehends the laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine in this State; and
5. Submitted proof of good moral character to the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. This may require the applicant to be interviewed by the Board, unless the applicant has passed the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination on or after December 2000.

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If you have any questions, please contact Laura Downes, Executive Director, Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, at (410) 841-5862.

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