Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board

- Fee increase proposed
- Licenses 4,645 professionals

OVERVIEW

The Veterinary Board's mission is to insure that Ohio's citizens are served by professional and competent veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians. The Board serves a number of functions, including issuing licenses, providing examinations for licenses, approving continuing education courses and investigating complaints. These powers are granted by Chapter 4741 of the ORC.

The Veterinary Board licenses biennially. For Veterinarians, licenses are renewed in odd-numbered years. In FY2000, there were 3,276 licensed Veterinarians. Registered Vet Technicians are licensed during even-numbered years. In FY2000, there were 1,329 licensed veterinary technicians. Also, the Board registers Veterinarians specializing in a specific area as Veterinary Specialists. Currently, the Board has 40 individuals with a specialty.

The Veterinary Board was recommended a budget of $471,003 in FY 2002 and $496,731 the following year. The Executive also recommends a fee increase.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board Staffing Levels						
					Estimated	
Program Series/Division	**1998**	**1999**	**2000**	**2001**	**2002**	**2003**
Board Members	7	7	7	7	7	7
Administrative Staff	3	3	3	3	3	3
Investigators	1	1	2	2	2	2
Totals	**11**	**11**	**12**	**12**	**12**	**12**

The Board also employs one part time clerk.

Number of Licensees

License Type	*FY1999*	*FY2000*
Veterinarian	3,339	3,276
Registered Vet Technician	1,159	1,329
Veterinary Specialist	39	40

License Fees

Veterinary Specialists do not renew their license, but they do pay an initial registration fee. Licenses are renewed biennially.

	Initial	*Renewal*
Veterinarian	$375	$155
Registered Vet Technician	$35	$35
Veterinary Specialist	$50	--

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board

Purpose Licenses, enforces, and regulates the practice of veterinary medicine.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this program series, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
4K9	888-609	Operating Expenses	$471,003	$496,731
Total funding: Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board				

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 4741 of the ORC, the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board issues licenses, provides examinations for licensure, approves continuing education courses, investigates complaints, performs compliance inspections of veterinary facilities, and networks with other state, federal, and local agencies that relate to veterinary medicine.

Funding Source: GSF Fund 4K9 – Currently, all revenue from the 22 occupational licensing boards is placed in Fund 4K9 and then reallocated to each board. Each board must raise enough revenue through its license fees to cover its expenses.

Line Items: 888-609 Operating Expense

Implication of Recommendation: The Executive recommendation includes an appropriation of $471,003 in FY2002. This allocation represents a 0.05 percent increase over FY 2001. For FY2003, the Executive recommends an allocation of $496,731, which is an increase of 5.5 percent from the 2002 fiscal year. This recommendation will allow the Board to operate at its current level.

The Executive also recommends a fee increase for the board. The change increases the renewal fee of veterinarians from $155 to $200.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the department's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium.

Permanent Law Provisions

Renewal Fee Increase (ORC section 4741.17)

This law change increases the biennial renewal fees currently paid by veterinarians. The fee increases will be used to support the operations of the Veterinary Board. The increase is to $200 from $155. If the number of veterinarians registering remains constant, this increase will result in additional revenue each biennium of approximately $140,000.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

Veterinary Board Staff Level Increases						
Fund Line Item	FY 2002 Requested	FY 2002 Recommended	Difference	FY 2003 Requested	FY 2003 Recommended	Difference
DVM 888-609	$505,283	$471,003	($34,280)	$532,628	$496,731	($35,897)

The Board will no longer incur an expense for hand written examinations. The Board also requested that the money used previously for these hand-written examinations be used for a full-time Office Assistant. The Governor's request does not include this position.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2002 - FY 2003

Fund	ALI	ALI Title	Revised Estimated 2001	As Introduced 2002	House Sub Bill 2002	% Change Est. 2001 to House 2002	As Introduced 2003	House Sub Bill 2003	% Change House 2002 to House 2003
DVM Veterinary Medical Board									
4K9	888-609	Operating Expenses	$470,773	$ 471,003	$ 471,003	0.0%	$ 496,731	$ 496,731	5.5%
General Services Fund Group Total			**$ 470,773**	**$ 471,003**	**$ 471,003**	**0.0%**	**$ 496,731**	**$ 496,731**	**5.5%**
Total All Budget Fund Groups			***$ 470,773***	***$ 471,003***	***$ 471,003***	***0.0%***	***$ 496,731***	***$ 496,731***	***5.5%***

General Services Fund Group

4K9 888-609 Operating Expenses

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
$327,464	$324,794	$400,935	$470,773	**$471,003**	**$496,731**
	-0.8%	23.4%	17.4%	**0.0%**	**5.5%**

Source: GSF: Revenue received by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Board is deposited into Fund 4K9.

Legal Basis: originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A.

Purpose: This appropriation supports the general operating expenses, including payroll, supplies, and equipment for the Ohio Veterinary Medical Board. Effective FY 1998, 888-601, Testing Fees, has folded into this line item.

As Introduced*	In House Finance and Appropriations

Permanent Law Changes

Subject: Renewal Fee Increase

section: *4741.17*

Increases the biennial renewal fees currently paid by veterinarians. The fee increase will be used to support the operations of the Veterinary Board. The increase is to $200 from $155. If the number of veterinarians registering remains constant, this increase will result in additional revenue each biennium of approximately $140,000.	No provision.