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| Bill Number: | H. 3732 | Amended by the House of Representatives on February 20, 2019 |
| Author: | Hewitt | |
| Subject: | Veterinarians | |
| Requestor: | Senate Labor, Commerce, and Industry | |
| RFA Analyst(s): | A. Martin | |
| Impact Date: | March 5, 2019 | |

Fiscal Impact Summary

The expenditure and revenue impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a responses from the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) and the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires any veterinarian that is authorized to prescribe controlled substances to obtain a Controlled Substances Registration from the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). In addition, this bill adds to the continuing education requirements for veterinarians.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Veterinarians are licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, which is under the administration of LLR. The expenditure impact to the board is pending, contingent upon a response from LLR.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. All veterinarians who prescribe controlled substances are currently required to obtain a Controlled Substances Registration from DHEC. We have reached out to LLR to help determine if an additional number of veterinarians will be required to register pursuant to this bill. The expenditure impact to DHEC is pending, contingent upon information requested of LLR.

State Revenue

Department of Health and Environmental Control. DHEC charges a \$125 fee for the Controlled Substances Registration. If additional veterinarians are required to register with DHEC pursuant to this bill, DHEC may experience additional revenue. We have requested information from LLR to help determine if this bill will increase the number of veterinarians required to register. The revenue impact to DHEC is pending, contingent upon information requested of LLR.

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director