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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair
Senator Alan Olsen, Vice-Chair
Senator Floyd Prozanski
Senator Herman Baertschiger, Jr.
Senator Arnie Roblan

Re: SB 222

Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen and Members:

This information is provided for your consideration of SB 222.

Current Board rules pertaining to medication prescriptions are as follows:

875-015-0030

Minimum Veterinary Practice Standards

(6) Biologicals and drugs: The minimum standards for drug procedures shall be:

- (a) All biological substances shall be stored, maintained, administered, dispensed and prescribed in compliance with federal and state laws and manufacturers' recommendations;
- (b) Controlled substances and legend drugs shall be dispensed, ordered or prescribed based on a VCPR and shall be labeled with the following:
 - (A) Name of client and identification of animal(s);
 - (B) Date dispensed;
 - (C) Complete directions for use;
 - (D) Name, strength, dosage and the amount of the drug dispensed;
 - (E) Manufacturer's expiration date;
 - (F) Name of prescribing veterinarian and veterinary medical facility.
- (c) No biological or drug shall be administered or dispensed after the expiration date, for a fee.
- (d) Rabies vaccine shall be administered only by an Oregon-licensed veterinarian, a Certified Veterinary Technician under direct supervision of an Oregon-licensed veterinarian, or a person authorized by the Oregon Public Health Veterinarian pursuant to OAR 333-019-0017.
- (e) If requested, a prescription shall be provided to a client for medications prescribed by the veterinarian under a valid VCPR.



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The Board does not have authority over fees charged by veterinarians with the exception of OAR 875-010-0010(11), charging for services not rendered.

Since the 2013 adoption of the rule requiring a veterinarian to provide a prescription if asked, we have received fewer than 10 complaints about veterinarians charging a fee for providing a prescription.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Makinen".

Lori Makinen
Executive Director