Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1287 ER **Patron:** Cohen
Bill Title: Veterinarians; amending applications of licensure, etc.

Bill Summary: Directs the Board of Veterinary Medicine to amend its applications for licensure and renewal to include a method for applicants to indicate their interest in serving as a veterinarian for a public or private animal shelter as defined in relevant law. The bill specifies that such method shall include a disclosure that the applicant's name and contact information shall be provided to the State Veterinarian on a quarterly basis for distribution to animal shelters and requires the Board of Veterinary Medicine to provide this information in a list.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** n/a

Fiscal Summary: Minimal/absorbable fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires the Board of Veterinary Medicine to amend their licensure applications to include a method for applicants to indicate interest in serving as a veterinarian for a public and/or a private animal shelter, as well as an accompanying disclosure regarding the distribution of contact information. The Board of Veterinary Medicine is further required to quarterly provide a list of active license holders indicating such interest to the State Veterinarian for distribution for animal shelters. The State Veterinarian resides within the Office of Veterinary Services at the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). It is expected that any costs or workload impacts to the Board of Veterinary Medicine or VDACS associated with these requirements will be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

Other: n/a