

HOUSE No. 267

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the registration of veterinarians.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Tackey Chan</i> | <i>2nd Norfolk</i> | <i>1/17/2023</i> |

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By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 267) of Tackey Chan relative to the registration of veterinarians. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 334 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to the registration of veterinarians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1: Section 55 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and replacing it thereof
3 with the following paragraph:-

4 Every registered veterinarian shall biannually, before January first, pay to the board a
5 license fee to be determined annually by the commissioner of administration under the provision
6 of section three B of chapter seven, in default of which the board may revoke the veterinarian’s
7 license and authority to practice veterinary medicine thereunder, after a hearing as provided by
8 section eleven; but the payment of said fee at or before the time of hearing, with an additional
9 sum to be determined under the aforementioned chapter seven provision, shall remove the
10 default. A veterinarian seeking license renewal shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of

11 the successful completion of such continuing education as the board shall require by regulation.
12 A veterinarian duly registered and licensed to practice in this commonwealth, whose license has
13 not been revoked, but who shall have temporarily retired from practice or removed from the
14 commonwealth for a period not exceeding five years, and shall have notified the board of such
15 retirement or removal, may register upon paying the lapsed annual license fee and filing with the
16 board an affidavit as to the facts aforesaid. Applications for renewals of licenses hereunder shall
17 be upon forms prescribed by the board, and shall, no less than thirty days prior to January first
18 every other year, be transmitted to each veterinarian registered with the board.

19 SECTION 2: This Act shall become effective December 1, 2024.