

# Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure

## 2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) Bill Summary

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**BILL NUMBER:** H337

**TITLE:** An Act relative to the licensure of veterinarians

**SPONSOR(S):** Chan, Tackey

**HEARING DATE:** April 14, 2025

**REPORTING DEADLINE:** June 13, 2025

### **PRIOR HISTORY**

(2019-2020): H209 - Bill reported favorably by Committee and referred to the committee on House Ways and Means.

(2021-2022): H334 - Bill reported favorably by Committee and referred to the committee on House Ways and Means.

(2023-2024): H267 - Bill reported favorably by Committee and referred to the committee on House Ways and Means.

### **CURRENT LAW**

Chapter 112 of the General Laws regulates professional licenses and occupations in the Commonwealth.

Section 55 of said chapter governs the examination, registration, and fees of veterinarians' licensure; as well as renewal of licenses and revocation.

### **SUMMARY**

This legislation seeks to amend section 55 of Chapter 112 to modify the professional licensure requirements for veterinarians. Said modifications include: (i) moving the registration process from an annual one to bi-annually (i.e. every two years); (ii) moving the board's requirement to provide license renewal applications and the deadline for fee payment from March to January; (iii) providing for gender neutrality in the statute text; and (iv) changing “mailed” to “transmitted” as it pertains to the board’s providing of license renewal applications to registered veterinarians.