



New Hampshire Veterinary Technician Association
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New Hampshire House of Representatives
Committee on Executive Departments and Administration
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: HB 1407

Dear Chair Layon, Vice Chair Slottje, and members of the committee,

The New Hampshire Veterinary Technician Association (NHVTA), has decided to remain neutral on HB 1407. We do, however, feel it is important to submit testimony to explain our position.

The NHVTA provides private certification to 646 veterinary technicians in New Hampshire. There is currently no required licensing for veterinary technicians in the state. Beyond certification, the NHVTA is the voice for the veterinary technician profession and works hard to elevate our profession as we continue to advance our role on the veterinary healthcare team.

HB 1407 reflects a model of workforce utilization that the NHVTA supports. The intent of the bill aligns with our goal of improving efficiency and access to veterinary care for the public by allowing veterinarians to focus on the tasks that require their specific training and licensure. Certified veterinary technicians (CVTs) are educated and trained to perform injections, including vaccination administration and are qualified to perform these tasks within an appropriate regulatory framework.

Our concern with HB1407 lies not in the intent but the lack of an existing regulatory structure to support this scope of practice. Veterinary technicians in New Hampshire are not currently licensed or overseen by the state. This bill would create a defined scope of practice for one single, specific task for a profession that is not otherwise recognized in state law. From the NHVTA's perspective, establishing licensure should come in tandem with a clearly defined scope of practice that includes appropriate oversight and supports increased access to veterinary care.

The NHVTA is encouraged to see recognition of veterinary technicians as integral members of the veterinary medical team and acknowledges that HB 1407 could represent a step toward broader professional recognition. However, the continued absence of licensure raises concerns related to oversight, accountability, and long-term professional structure.

For these reasons, while the NHVTA does not oppose the passage of HB 1407, we believe that establishing licensure for veterinary technicians would be a more appropriate first step. Accordingly, the NHVTA will remain neutral on HB 1407 at this time

Respectfully,

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