

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Submitted to the Committee on Agriculture & Livestock
For HB 1560

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christie bailey, CEO

lucie's legacy

pflugerville, TX

it is important for domestic animal owners to seek holistic preventative care without the unnecessary expense, and wait for a veterinary referral. In Austin, unfortunately, lead time on a regularly scheduled veterinary appointment can be 4 to 8 weeks or even longer, especially for newly arriving residence. And when a dog has an acute need for acupuncture care, the unnecessary delay of a veterinary referral can impact outcomes, and even the life of a dog long term. please pass this bill

Lynn Braudt

Self. Housewife

Amarillo, TX

I support this bill

Maureen Imus, Cosmetologist

All animal chiropractors

Fort Worth, TX

I believe that I should be the one who makes the choice of taking my animal to a chiropractor I should not have to go to a veterinarian first . Plus financially I can only afford to make the decision of one line of treatment, chiropractor or veterinarian.. I do not need big government involved with my pet

Scott Bullington

Self

Granbury, TX

Eliminate referrals and allow for Direct Access to certified veterinary chiropractors.

Scott Meyer Meyer Meyer

Meyer Books Tax Service

Crowley, TX

I believe a licensed chiropractor should work on animals

Jan Ezkovich Ezkovich

Patient/customer

Austin, TX

I support removing the referral requirement currently needed for a dog to see a chiropractor.

I have been using chiropractic for my dogs for 20 years. Other states like Louisiana do not require a veterinarian referral and nor should Texas.

Even humans do not require such a referral!!!

Sherry Smith, Vet tech

Self vet tech

Dodd city, TX

Animal chiros need to be independent of veterinarians

Katie Fagan

Self

Keller, TX

I think this bill should pass.

Jessica Judge, Dr.

Self

Justin, TX

I support this.

Melissa Rutkowski

Self

Ponder, TX

I support this!

Brooke Judge

Self

Justin, TX

I support it

Chelsey Plunk

Self

Argyle, TX

Chiropractors that are trained in animal chiropractic should be able to practice along side veterinarians without a referral

Jodi Ware, BS, PharmD

Retired pharmacist/Self

Kingwood, TX

IF Texas has a population of ~30 million

AND the TVMA has a membership of ~5000

THEN only 1 in every 6000 Texans is a TVMA member

IF the TVMA is a small special interest group that lobbies to protect its veterinary professional members

AND the TBVME is a State agency tasked with protecting the public at large from violative veterinary professionals

THEN the TVMA is intrinsically conflicted where TBVME-related legislation is concerned

IF you exclude standard of care, scope of practice, and professional ethics from TDLR's purview as the TVMA wishes

AND another TVMA-initiated bill (HB 3049) permits summarily dismissing complaints defined as meritless

THEN this would leave very little for TDLR to supervise

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As a member of the public who has suffered due to the TBVME's abject failures for 7 years and counting, I am outraged by the TVMA's jockeying to try to gut this bill. The public has little other recourse where violative veterinarians are concerned except the TBVME (in theory, anyway).

The TBVME has struck out three Sunset reviews in 6 years despite being on a performance improvement plan. This makes close supervision of ALL of its activities and functional groups essential—but especially TBVME Legal and Executive Leadership where many of the problems have resided, I believe exacerbated by cozy relationships with the TVMA.

We, the public, need good veterinarians, and we deserve a good board. Please vote in favor of the public by voting in favor of HB 1560! And, if the bill evolves, please pay close attention because the TVMA has a history of pulling last-minute favors to advance veterinary interests (usually by abrogating public protections).

Thank you.

Katelyn Wilson, Chiropractic student

Parker University

Krum, TX

I support it.

Kaitlyn Lackey

Self

Dallas, TX

700+ days to file a complaint is absolutely insane. The vet board needs major reform. I am in support of this bill. Thank you to rep holland for protecting our animals

Courtney Ward, Dr.

Self, Physical Therapist

Justin, TX

Support

Micheline Pennington, Mrs

Self

Justin, TX

I support

Jennifer Olson, Ms

It's HR 3397 by Kitzman

Allen, TX

Supporting this It's HR 3397 by Kitzman

Anita Ross

self

Stockdale, TX

I am in Favor of this bill. The TBVME needs to have oversight and accountability. They have been reviewed by Sunset multiple times, and continue to fail. The Investigative staff do an excellent job. But the problem is in the Legal and Administrative/Executive departments. The Legal/Executive department upon receiving the investigative report/findings/potential violations, the Board ignores them and refuses to hold the vet accountable. They also allow vets to IGNORE Board Rules, ie. Rule 573.75 Duty to Cooperate with Board investigations, which require they respond within 21 days, and yet they allow them to IGNORE this, which causes HUGE delays, and just run out the clock on the complaint. Violate Rules 573.27 Honesty, Integrity, & Fair Dealing, Rule 573.7 No Abuse of Position or Trust, 801.352 Prohibition Against Interference or Intervention, 801.208 Notification to Complainant Regarding Dismissal, THEY are REQUIRED to address EACH issue, and provide rationale for each. Legal department REFUSES to provide. The board must have oversight and accountability and the citizens of Texas deserve no less. Thank you, Anita & Pirate Ross CP20-247 Please look into this complaint and you will see the HORRORS of what the Board allowed Veterinarians Kay C. Ferrazzano-Singletary DVM & Donald A. Ferrill, DVM,JD to get away with, and not held accountable. Timeline-19, 53 Days for investigative report(without REQUIRED responses), 548 DAYS for IC, 551 days for outcome, and continues to deny 801.208. Total days from complaint 04/20/2020--1,073 DAYS thus far, and Legal continues to deny me rationales and hold to account.Thank you, Anita & Pirate Ross, CP20-247.