RESOLUTION #1—2019
Regular Winter Session

Submitted by-
Board of Directors

REVISED MODEL VETERINARY PRACTICE ACT

    RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) adopt the revised Model Veterinary Practice Act as noted in Attachment 1 (additions are underlined, deletions are struckthrough). Attachment 2 provides a summary of proposed changes to the MVPA.

Statement about the Resolution

The current revision process of the AVMA Model Veterinary Practice Act (MVPA) began in the fall of 2016 when the Council on Veterinary Service (CoVS), anticipating the mandatory every-five-year review of the MVPA, began identifying policies that are referenced in the MVPA and developed a process to determine whether any changes had been made to those policies that would impact the MVPA.

In the summer of 2017, the creation of an expanded working group was approved by the AVMA Board of Directors (BOD) and that group began meeting in the fall of 2017. This expanded working group comprised representatives from the following entities: CoVS, State Advocacy Committee (SAC), Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA), AVMA/National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America Leadership Committee (AVMA/NAVTA), Student AVMA (SAVMA), Judicial Council (JC), Professional Liability Insurance Trust (PLIT), the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), FDA/CVM, Veterinary Medical Association Executives (VMAE), the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP), and AVMA staff. Additional organizations were invited but were not able to participate.

The expanded working group held numerous videoconferences and conducted one in-person meeting during the fall and winter of 2017/2018. A draft MVPA was circulated for comment during the January 2018 meeting of the BOD and the winter 2018 meeting of the House of Delegates (HOD). An updated draft subsequently was posted online for a 60-day comment period, after which the expanded working group reviewed and reconciled all comments and provided an updated draft for review by the CoVS.

The CoVS considered the draft provided by the expanded working group during its spring 2018 in-person meeting, and a draft version was approved. After further review by counsel, additional changes were approved by the CoVS in June 2018, and an updated draft was approved and sent to the BOD for consideration during the BOD's June 2018 meeting. The BOD postponed discussion on the MVPA until their September meeting. In July, the AAVSB sent their proposed changes to their Practice Act Model (PAM) to AVMA. As a result, the CoVS took one more look at the proposed MVPA in light of the document released by AASVB. An updated recommendation was then sent to the BOD for their consideration at their September 2018 meeting.

The expanded working group received nearly 200 comments on its draft during the comment period. Formally transmitted comments were received from the Judicial Council, AAAP, AAEP, AAVSB, AABP, and several state veterinary associations.

Financial Impact: None.

	Board of Directors	House Advisory Committee	Reference Committee #	House of Delegates
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