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TO: Members of the Joint Legislative Commission on
Governmental Operations

FROM: David T. Marshall, DVM
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SUBJECT: Diagnostic Laboratory Fees

The General Assembly authorized within Section 35.3(a) of the Appropriations Act of 2003 provisions to increase fees for animal disease diagnostic tests and services. Projected revenue increase of \$177,500 was reflected in the Joint Conference Committee Report for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This figure was derived in large part from data provided to the subcommittees as to those new and increased fees that would have the least impact on the diagnostic laboratory clientele.

Attached is a list of identified fee changes, to include the old fee, new fee, projected revenue increase, and the date of last change. Increased revenue was based on a collection period of 12 full months, with an effective date of July 1, 2003.

Fee implementation was initiated effective August 1, 2003, recognizing the obstacles that delayed implementation would present in generating the targeted revenue. To date there have been no complaints or objections of significance.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to consult with the Commission for these fee changes as we attempt to meet our FY 03-04 budget. Questions may be referred to Dr. David T. Marshall (733-5657) or Mr. N. David Smith (733-2113, Ext. 223).

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