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Subject: NC Veterinary Medical Board - Request for consultation concerning a fee increase

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Dear Sirs:

The North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board, pursuant to G.S. 12-3.1, is submitting a request for consultation concerning a fee increase for the annual renewal fee for veterinarians, limited veterinary licenses, faculty certificates and zoo certificates. The current fee is \$150.00. The amount of the proposed increase is \$20.00, which would raise the renewal fee to \$170.00. This would generate approximately \$80,000.00 in additional revenue per year. The statutory authority for the fee is G.S. § 90-186.6(6).

The last time this fee was increased was in 2003. The proposed increase is less than the cumulative cost of living increases for the corresponding time frame. The additional revenue will be used to enhance the public's access to Board data and allow for the processing of complaints electronically. Additionally, the Board has not purchased any new computer equipment in over three years. Another goal would be to replace the current paper system of practice facility inspections with an electronic version.

Thank you

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