



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 433 of the 132nd G.A.

**Status:** As Passed by the House

**Sponsor:** Reps. Kelly and Brinkman

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Subject:** Allows licensed veterinarians to receive up to two continuing education credits for performing spaying and neutering services

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The bill may result in some small amount of additional administrative work for the Veterinary Medical Licensing Board to develop and promulgate rules necessary to allow free spaying and neutering services offered by veterinarians to count toward their continuing education hours. Specifically, the bill allows a licensed veterinarian to receive a maximum of two continuing education hours every two years if the individual performs free spaying and neutering services provided at designated locations. These locations may include the veterinarian's clinic, a county humane society, county or municipal dog pound, or facilities of a qualifying nonprofit animal welfare group.

Veterinary licenses issued by the Veterinary Medical Licensing Board expire on March 1 of even-numbered years. In order to renew a license, an individual must pay a renewal fee and demonstrate that the required 30 hours of continuing education have been completed. According to current guidelines, at least 20 hours must be scientifically related to the practice of veterinary medicine; no more than ten hours may be nonscientific. The Veterinary Medical Licensing Board oversaw about 4,500 active veterinary and limited veterinary licenses statewide in FY 2017. The Board is funded through licensing revenues deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90).