

complete enough to meet the express requirements of Article III, Section 29 of the Maryland Constitution due to the failure to mention the exception legislated by the Acts. We further believe that the title of the Bill is misleading as to the substance of the legislation, since a reading of a title which speaks to a tolerance to be permitted in the weight of a certain class of vehicles would not advise of the creation of a flat exemption from certain weight limits for apparently the same class of vehicles; this is especially true where, as here, the exemption created is with regard to rear axle limitations while the section of the Annotated Code sought to be amended to provide a five per cent tolerance speaks to gross weight limitations. Axle load limits and gross weight of vehicles and loads limits are two separate and distinct requirements which must be met by vehicles using the roadways of this State, provided for in Sections 14-108 and 14-109, respectively, of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code.

While we accord all bills enacted by the General Assembly a presumption of constitutionality, we believe that the title of the Bill would be held to be constitutionally insufficient in that it fails to describe completely the contents of the legislation and, further, in that it misleadingly limits the enactment to a much narrower scope than the body of the Bill embraces.

Very truly yours,

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House Bill No. 265—State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 150 (a), and 150(b) AND 155 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "State Board of Veterinary Examiners," and to add new Sections 150(e), 150(F) and 152(i), 152A(P), 152A(Q) AND 152A(R) to the same Article, Code, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after Sections 150(d) and, 152(h) AND 152A(O), respectively, to require the State Board of Veterinary Examiners to maintain an office with a listed telephone number, to ~~provide for lay members on the Board,~~ AND to require inspection of veterinary hospitals and facilities at least ~~twice~~ ONCE in every year; TO AMEND THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD BEFORE A CERTAIN DATE; TO INCLUDE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF AN APPLICATION OR CERTIFICATE; TO CHANGE THE AMOUNT OF REGISTRATION AND EXAMINATION FEES; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD'S BUDGET SHALL NOT EXCEED ITS REVENUES FROM SUCH FEES "AND GENERALLY DEALING WITH THE LAW" CONCERNING THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS, and to make certain changes in language.