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A PERSON LICENSED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO PROVIDE VETERINARY CARE WHO, FOR NC FEE OR COMPENSATION, RENDERS VETERINARY AID, CARE, OR ASSISTANCE IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION IN WHICH THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF THE ANIMAL IS NOT AVAILABLE TO GRANT PERMISSION, IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY CIVIL DAMAGES AS THE RESULT OF ANY PROFESSIONAL ACT OR OMISSION BY HIM OR HER NOT AMOUNTING TO GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved April 29, 1977.

CHAPTER 208

(Senate Bill 755)

AN ACT concerning

Veterinary Hospitals - Licenses

FOR the purpose of defining a veterinary hospital; requiring such hospitals to be licensed by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; providing a license fee; and providing for the suspension or revocation of such a license.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture Section 2-304.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 2-304.1 be and it is hereby added to Article - Agriculture, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

2-304.1.

(A) AS USED IN THIS SUBTITLE, "VETERINARY HOSPITAL" MEANS ANY BUILDING OR PORTION OF A BUILDING WHICH IS REGULARLY USED FOR THE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS BY A VETERINARY PRACTITIONER.