

FOR the purpose of providing for the establishment of a veterinary review committee for certain purposes; defining certain terms; describing the formation and functions of a veterinary review committee; providing certain powers and duties for a veterinary review committee; prohibiting the admissibility or discoverability of certain records of a veterinary review committee; providing certain exceptions; providing for the immunity of a member of a veterinary review committee for certain actions; and generally relating to veterinary review committees.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture
Section 2-302.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

2-302.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "VETERINARY REVIEW COMMITTEE" MEANS A COMMITTEE OR BOARD THAT:

(1) IS WITHIN ONE OF THE CATEGORIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(2) PERFORMS ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(B) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A VETERINARY REVIEW COMMITTEE IS:

(1) A REGULATORY BOARD OR AGENCY THAT IS ESTABLISHED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW TO LICENSE, CERTIFY, OR DISCIPLINE ANY VETERINARY PRACTITIONER;

(2) A COMMITTEE OF THE MARYLAND VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OR ANY OF ITS COMPONENT SOCIETIES; OR

~~(3) -- ANY -- PERSON, -- INCLUDING -- A -- PROFESSIONAL -- STANDARD REVIEW ORGANIZATION, -- WHO -- CONTRACTS -- WITH -- AN -- AGENCY -- OF -- THIS -- STATE OR -- OF -- THE -- FEDERAL -- GOVERNMENT -- TO -- PERFORM -- ANY -- OF -- THE -- FUNCTIONS LISTED -- IN -- SUBSECTION -- (C) -- OF -- THIS -- SECTION, -- OR~~

(4) (3) ANY PERSON WHO CONTRACTS WITH A VETERINARY PRACTITIONER TO PERFORM ANY OF THOSE FUNCTIONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION THAT ARE LIMITED TO THE REVIEW OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VETERINARY PRACTITIONER.