CHAPTER 61

(House Bill 66)

AN ACT concerning

Veterinary Practice Act - Practice of Veterinary Medicine

FOR the purpose of requiring certain individuals to be licensed by and registered with the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners regardless of whether the individuals have offices in the State; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-301(g) and 2-308

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

2 - 301.

- (g) The term "practice of veterinary medicine" does not include or apply to:
- [(1) Any licensed veterinarian from any state who does not have an office in the State;
- (2)] (1) Any person practicing veterinary medicine in the performance of civil or military official duties in the service of the United States or of the State;
- [(3)](2) Experimentation and scientific research of biological chemists or technicians engaged in the study and development of methods and techniques, directly or indirectly related or applicable to the problems of the practice of veterinary medicine;
- [(4)](3) A person who advises with respect to or performs acts which the Board, by rule or regulation, has prescribed as accepted management practices in connection with livestock production;
- [(5)](4) A physician licensed to practice medicine in the State or to his assistant while engaged in educational research;
- [(6)](5) A person administering to the ills and injuries of his own animals if they otherwise comply with all laws, rules and regulations relative to the use of medicines and biologics;