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The Honorable Roger Holland  
Alaska State Senate  
Alaska State Capitol Room 115  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 132: Controlled Sub. Data: Exempt Veterinarian

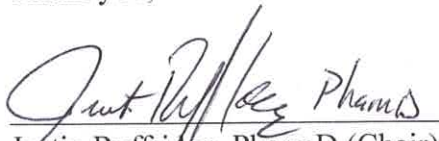
Dear Senator Holland:

The Board of Pharmacy ("board") is submitting its position to exempt veterinarians from registering with and using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). On February 18, 2022, the board heard testimony from the Board of Veterinary Examiners, its licensees, and a member of the Alaska State Veterinary Medical Association. After careful consideration, the board voted in support of SB 132 for the following reasons:

- Drug diversion from pets has not been an issue in Alaska;
- Requirements are burdensome in an already understaffed field; and
- Excusing veterinarians aligns better with the intent for the PDMP to function properly.

The board is aware that should this bill pass, the Board of Veterinary Examiners intends to support efforts to continue addressing the opioid crisis, including requiring opioid-specific continuing education of their licensees. The board supports this legislation and will continue to be a resource for collaboration when needed.

Thank you,

  
Justin Ruffridge, PharmD (Chair)  
Alaska Board of Pharmacy