

HB 56 VETERINARIAN EXEMPTION FROM PDMP

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PDMP
(PRESCRIPTION
DRUG
MONITORING
PROGRAM)

- Established to track the dispensing of controlled substance medications
- All 50 states have a Drug monitoring program
- 33 other states have exempted Veterinarians from their PDMP
- In Alaska, ALL prescribing license types are required to register, review and report, including Veterinarians.

ALASKA'S PDMP

- Tool to aid practitioners
- Daily record of ALL dispensed controlled substances
- Dispensers required to report daily or send a zero report
- “Doctor shopping” or “Pharmacy shopping” practice

THE PROBLEM

- ▶ While keenly aware of the importance of the PDMP, Veterinarians experience unique difficulties with the current program requirements

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The PDMP is designed for tracking human prescriptions, not animal prescriptions.



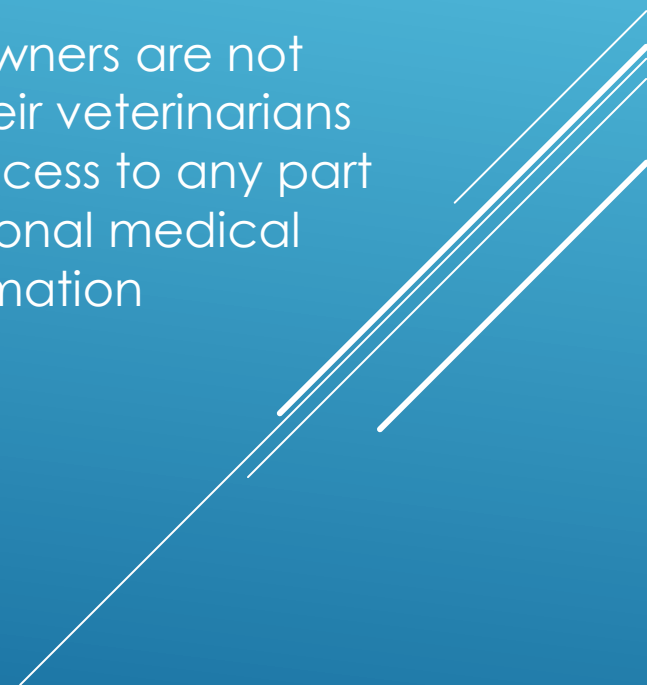
The data gathered is often not linked to a specific animal owner.




Viewing a pet owners prescription information in the PDMP raises major privacy concerns. Veterinarians are not governed by HIPPA law.



Many pet owners are not aware that their veterinarians would have access to any part of their personal medical information



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- ▶ Animal patients are not tracked through the PDMP
 - ▶ Animal patients lack unique identifiers that are common with humans
 - ▶ The animal may have more than one owner or responsible party
 - ▶ Rarely do the owners know an exact Date of Birth of the pet, a requirement for accurate PDMP reporting
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VETERINARIAN USE OF NARCOTICS

- Veterinarians do not regularly prescribe or dispense Class II narcotics
- A 2017 study showed that veterinarians opioid dispensing accounted for .34% of ALL opioid dispensing in the United States

SUMMARY

- ▶ Exempting veterinarians from the PDMP protects human patient privacy
- ▶ Exempting veterinarians ensures PDMP data is clear and linked to end users only
- ▶ Please join me in supporting House Bill 56 to exempt veterinarians from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

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THANK YOU