

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Let me add my voice to the many supporting the passage of HB56. Being very concerned by this long overdue Bill, since one of my sled dogs suffers from IMPA and requires 150mg of Tramadol daily, asking us to in addition to the financial burden also run through the bureaucratic maze every time we need a refill is preposterous.

Veterinarians are not law enforcement. They have neither the time nor training to perform an investigation on every customer that brings their pet in and requires some form of opioid to treat pain on the off chance they would divert the opiate.

Conversely, the judiciary are not vets and what may seem like a large dose of an analgesic or opiate is perfectly normal if applied to a horse and large animal. Would they know what that or any dose for any animal is appropriate? Beyond for post-op treatment, how should long term chronic pain in animals be treated since a 3 day supply is nonsensical?

Please let veterinarians do their job and let law enforcement do theirs. I doubt any addict will specifically get animals and make them sick in order to get access to opiates. We've spent too long debating this nonsensical issue, please pass HB56. Thank you.

Respectfully

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