



## Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association

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Dean Laura Molgaard  
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Dear Dean Molgaard:

The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) and its proposed changes for the Veterinary Practice Act. These changes are described in Senate File number 1773 (SF 1773) which is a recently introduced bill at the Minnesota Legislature authored by Senators Kupec, Hoffman, and Dahms. The Bill proposes creating an institutional license for veterinarians practicing veterinary medicine as part of their duties for the CVM.

The MVMA agrees with the CVM and the authors of SF 1773 that there is a significant need to make this change to the practice act so that the CVM can be competitive in hiring and training outstanding veterinary specialists. This will help the CVM in its goal to address the significant shortage of veterinarians by ensuring there are adequate faculty to complete the education and training of its student population. The MVMA understands that a large majority of States with veterinary colleges have made similar changes to the Veterinary Practice Act within their States that allows these colleges to hire graduates from international veterinary colleges onto their faculty and into their training programs. The MVMA also agrees with the authors of SF 1773 that the proposed institutional license should only apply to veterinarians employed by the CVM while they are practicing veterinary medicine as part of their duties at the CVM.

The success of the CVM is important for the success of the veterinary profession within the State and the MVMA is more than willing to provide this letter of support.

Respectfully,

James Bennett, DVM  
MVMA President