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Veterinary Examining Board Reestimate (Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection)

CURRENT LAW

The Veterinary Examining Board (VEB) is responsible for licensing veterinarians and veterinary technicians, and for promulgating and enforcing rules of professional competency and conduct for credential holders. The Board was transferred from the Department of Safety and Professional Services to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) as part of 2015 Act 55. Under current law, DATCP is to assess veterinary credentialing fees based on its administrative and enforcement costs. Fees are deposited into a PR continuing appropriation, which authorizes DATCP to expend all monies received for the purposes specified. Act 55 did not estimate annual expenditures for the appropriation.

GOVERNOR

No provision. (VEB-related expenditures would continue to be budgeted at \$0.)

MODIFICATION

Reestimate expenditures for the DATCP VEB appropriation to \$280,000 PR in each of 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Explanation: During 2015-16, DATCP received total revenues of \$870,100. Most VEB fees are collected in the first year of the biennium and DATCP estimates between \$800,000 and \$850,000 in revenue during 2017-18. DATCP reports expenditures of \$312,200 PR in 2015-16, and estimates expenditures of \$443,000 in 2016-17, including one-time costs of \$166,700 associated with contracts for development of an online portal for VEB licensing. This reestimate would reflect anticipated expenditures during the biennium.

	Change to	
	Base	Bill
PR	\$560,000	\$560,000

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