**VETERINARY TECHNICIANS WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT ACT**

The missing puzzle pieces...

Minnesota does not currently regulate veterinary technicians

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**U.S. INDUSTRY STANDARDS**

**Licensure...**
- Strengthens the veterinary technician profession in 42 other states
- Aligns Minnesota with National model practice acts
- Brings Minnesota up to date with U.S. industry standards

**BETTER DEFINED HEALTHCARE TEAM**

**Licensure leads to...**
- Improved veterinary practice efficiency through greater utilization of veterinary technician skills
- Recognition of the education and the skills that veterinary technicians possess
- These changes can lead to improved working conditions and retention.

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**BENEFITS TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Licensure provides...**
- Assurances to the public of qualified and competent veterinary care
- Improved state accountability and oversight, with a mechanism to investigate misconduct
- Reported drug diversion and access to Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP)
- Standards for minimum competency and continuing education
- Opportunity for participation with national disaster deployment

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**IT IS NOT MANDATORY!**

- Individuals are not required to become licensed
- The Veterinary Practice Act will define licensed veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants, leading to improved retention
- The Board of Veterinary Medicine will regulate licensed veterinary technicians

**GRANDFATHER CLAUSE**

- Certified veterinary technicians immediately eligible for licensure
- Non-certified veterinary technicians may apply if criteria for application is met
- Proposed a 5-year sunset clause to increase number of eligible LVT’s to address the current shortage

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**LICENSURE IS HIGHLY FAVORABLE**

- Endorsed by Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)
- Endorsed by Minnesota Association of Veterinary Technicians (MAVT)
- Recent survey confirms over 70% of the veterinary profession approve of licensure
- Please vote YES to approve these bills (HF 1228) and (SF 1522)

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Learn more at: mvma.org/veterinary-technician-licensure

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