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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Brinkman and Kelly

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill may result in some small amount of administrative work for the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board to develop and promulgate rules allowing for free spaying and neutering services to count toward a veterinarian's required continuing education hours. Specifically, the bill allows a licensed veterinarian to receive a maximum of two continuing education hours every two years for offering these free services at the veterinarian's clinic, a county humane society, county or municipal dog pound, or facilities of a qualifying nonprofit animal welfare group.

Veterinary licenses issued by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board expire on March 1 of even-numbered years. In order to renew a license, an individual must pay a renewal fee and demonstrate that the required 30 hours of continuing education have been completed. According to current guidelines, at least 20 hours must be scientifically related to the practice of veterinary medicine; no more than ten hours may be nonscientific. The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board oversaw about 4,600 active veterinary and limited veterinary licenses statewide in FY 2018. The Board is funded through licensing revenues deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90).