



Funding for Licensure Boards

NYSVMS Position:

NYSVMS has joined other licensed professions to urge the Legislature and Executive Office to increase funding for the Office of Professional Discipline through a surcharge on license fees. This was designed to ensure that the OPD had sufficient resources to fulfill their mission to address unlicensed practice complaints. OPD has limited funds to actively pursue investigations of individuals engaged illegally in lay veterinary practices. The funds have been re-directed to unrelated purposes and not made available to OPD staff to perform their investigations. We urge the State Education Department to ensure these funds are available to OPD for the purpose of serving licensed professions.

Throughout its history, NYSVMS has demonstrated it will act as necessary to ensure the health of the animal population of our state. It will zealously protect and defend the proper scope of practice of veterinary medicine, while meeting its professional mandate to alleviate animal suffering.

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