

March 17, 2021

To: The Honorable Representative Wool
State Capitol Room 501
Juneau, AK 99801-1185

Re: Vote YES on HB391, Exempt Veterinarians from the
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

I am a licensed, working veterinarian in the state of Alaska. I own my own business and am the contract veterinarian at the FNSB Animal Shelter, while also providing mobile services for both small and large animal patients.

I support the exemption Alaska's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) for veterinarians. Veterinary animal patients cannot adhere to the requirements of the program which was designed for human patients. Animals lack permanent identifiers, can have multiple owners, and names. Veterinarians are also already licensed with the DEA, with stringent drug tracking requirements. Additionally, there are serious privacy violations, with a veterinarian having access to a client's medical information (vs just their pet).

I support the intent of the PDMP in tracking the misuse of opioids by humans. However, it is a costly and illogical fit for the veterinary profession. Please join the 32 states that have exempted veterinarians from the program.

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