

- Licenses 5,400 professional veterinarians and veterinary technicians

Veterinary Medical Board

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ROLE

The Veterinary Medical Board's mission is to ensure that Ohio's citizens are served by professional and competent veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians. The Board serves a number of functions, including issuing licenses, providing examinations for licenses, approving continuing education courses, investigating complaints involving licensed veterinarians or violations of the practice act, and providing compliance inspections for veterinary facilities. These powers are granted by Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code. The Board licenses on a biennial basis. Veterinarians are licensed in odd-numbered years, while registered veterinary technicians are registered in even-numbered years.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
9**	\$444,000	\$453,000	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

** The Board has 2 full-time employees, 1 part-time employee, and 6 board members.

OVERVIEW

The Board receives no GRF funding. The funding for operations is received through license fees collected by the Board. In FY 2003, the Board expended \$275,910 for carrying out the duties described above. The Board was appropriated \$444,208 in FY 2004 and \$453,043 in FY 2005. The Board has stated that in FY 2003 they concentrated on lowering expenditures by not hiring a compliance inspector, as well as printing in-house and cutting back on office supplies. An investigator position has been vacant since 2001 and has been phased out. As a result, the Board has contracted with the Department of Agriculture to provide these investigative services, which has resulted in substantial savings for the Board. The Board anticipates that the funding received in FYs 2004 and 2005 will allow for a continuation of services at the FY 2003 level. 