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To: House Bill No. 6683

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MYOFASCIAL TRIGGER POINT
THERAPY ON ANIMALS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 20-197 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

5 No person shall practice veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry
6 until he has obtained a license as provided in section 20-199. A person
7 shall be construed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery or
8 dentistry, within the meaning of this chapter, who holds himself out as
9 being able to diagnose, administer biologics for, treat, operate or
10 prescribe for any animal or bird disease, pain, injury, deformity or
11 physical condition, or who either offers or undertakes, by any means
12 or methods, to diagnose, administer biologics for, treat, operate or
13 prescribe for any animal or bird disease, pain, injury, deformity or

14 physical condition. The euthanizing of animals in accordance with
 15 applicable state and federal drug laws by the Connecticut Humane
 16 Society, [and] the floating of teeth in horses by persons experienced in
 17 that practice and the performance of myofascial trigger point therapy
 18 by persons experienced in that practice shall not be deemed to be the
 19 practice of veterinary medicine. For the purposes of this section,
 20 "floating teeth" means using hand-held rasps to reduce or eliminate
 21 sharp or uneven edges on a horse's upper and lower molars to avoid
 22 injury to the tongue and cheeks and to improve chewing food, but
 23 does not include treating decay, tumors or extracting teeth. For
 24 purposes of this section, "myofascial trigger point therapy" means the
 25 use of specific palpation, compression, stretching and corrective
 26 exercise for promoting optimum athleticism, and "persons experienced
 27 in that practice" means a person who has attended a minimum of two
 28 hundred hours of classroom, lecture and hands-on practice in
 29 myofascial trigger point therapy, including animal musculoskeletal
 30 anatomy and biomechanics, theory and application of animal
 31 myofascial trigger point techniques, factors that habituate a presenting
 32 condition and corrective exercise."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>