

THE TENNESSEE VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS  
EXEMPTION FOR ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION; OPPOSES EXEMPTIONS FOR  
DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES SUCH AS PREGNANCY CHECKING

THERE ARE FIVE BILLS PENDING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT EXEMPT ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION FROM THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AS AN ACCEPTED LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT PRACTICE. THE LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY SEN. TRACY AND REP. COBB (SB 3937/HB 3972) REPRESENTS THE AGREEMENT REACHED BY TVMA AND THE FARM BUREAU.

TVMA OPPOSES HB 2533(SWAFFORD)/SB 2597 (TRACY) BECAUSE ITS BROAD CAPTION WOULD PERMIT AMENDMENTS THAT COULD ALLOW ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS FOR DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES AND THE USE OF DIAGNOSTIC INSTRUMENTS FROM THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.

THE TENNESSEE VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU FEDERATION HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE SCOPE OF ACCEPTED LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE. THEY HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE WORKING ON THIS ISSUE FOR RESOLUTION NEXT YEAR.

IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF TENNESSEE'S FARMERS, LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AND VETERINARIANS TO WORK TOGETHER. BECAUSE THERE IS AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME ONLY TO EXEMPT ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION AS AN ACCEPTED LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT PRACTICE. THE TENNESSEE VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION REQUESTS THAT YOU SUPPORT THE BILL INTRODUCED BY SEN. TRACY AND REP. COBB (SB 3937/HB 3972) AND OPPOSE ANY BILLS THAT PERMIT THE EXEMPTION OF DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES OR THE USE OF DIAGNOSTIC INSTRUMENTS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT TVMA'S LOBBYIST, IRWIN VENICK AT 615-321-5659