

## Consumer and Business Services

### VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

	1999-2001 Actuals	2001-03 Legislatively Adopted at Close of Session	2001-03 Legislatively Approved through Fifth Special Session	2003-05 Governor's Balanced
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds	443,527	429,477	442,003	492,831
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$443,527	\$429,477	\$442,003	\$492,831
Positions	3	3	3	3
Full-time Equivalent	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25

#### Overview

The Veterinary Medical Examining Board seeks to protect animal health and welfare, public health, and consumers from the practice of substandard or incompetent veterinary health and medical services. This is done by mandating minimum qualifications for entry into the profession, providing parameters for the practice of veterinary medicine, and enforcing the law relating to such services.

#### Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget is \$492,831 Other Funds, which is about a 12 percent increase over the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session. The budget funds existing operations and adds resources for increased Attorney General costs and for an additional member on the Board to represent Veterinary Technicians.

#### Revenue

The Board is solely supported by Other Funds. The Board's funding is composed of application, examination, and license fees, with the remaining derived from penalties assessed and from the sale of labels, lists, and copies to the public.

The Board will implement a significant, temporary fee decrease in the 2003-05 biennium to reduce its cash balance. The Board already maintains some of the lowest licensure fees in the nation. The balanced budget would leave the agency with \$347,344 Other Funds ending balance. This is 17 months of average monthly operational expenditures.