



MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 8, 2025
TO	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Jessica Sieferman, Executive Officer (EO)
SUBJECT	9. Agenda Item Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Potential 2025 Legislation Impacting the Board, DCA, and/or the Veterinary Profession

A. Potential Legislation Related to the Board's Sunset Review

The Board's [2025 Sunset Review Report](#) was submitted to the Legislature on January 3, 2025. As of the date of this memo, no legislation has been introduced.

B. Potential Legislation Related to Licensed Chiropractors Practicing on Animals

On December 16, 2024, the Board's Executive Subcommittee and EO participated in another meeting with Senator Ochoa Bogh's office regarding allowing chiropractors to practice on animals without veterinarian supervision. Representatives from the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the California Chiropractic Association, and the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) all participated.

No legislation has been introduced at this time, but draft proposals (which have not been shared with the Board) have mirrored [Ohio Revised Code section 4734.151. Animal chiropractic.](#)

C. Potential Legislation Related to Licensed Physical Therapists Practicing on Animals

On November 21, 2024, representatives from the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development hosted a roundtable discussion regarding allowing physical therapists to practice on animals without veterinarian supervision. The Board's former Vice President (current President) and EO attended the meeting along with representatives from the Board of Physical Therapy, the California Physical Therapy Association, the Animal Physical Therapy Coalition, and the CVMA.

At this time, no legislation has been introduced.

As mentioned in Agenda Item 8, the Board received [these written public comments](#) supporting the Nevada physical therapy model and encouraging a similar model be considered in California.

D. Potential Legislation Related to Regulating Pet Crematories

On December 4, 2024, representatives from the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development met with representatives from the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau and the Board's EO to discuss regulating pet crematories.

Subsequently, Senator Stern's office informed the Board's EO they are currently exploring legislative solutions to what they view is currently weak consumer protection for households that have their pets individually cremated and returned. They would like input from the Board regarding whether the Board should regulate pet cremations.

They provided a draft of what legislation could look like, including the creation of a new license that would be under the Board ([here](#)). However, Senator Stern's office made it clear that they aim to find the best solution for consumers and state agencies – of which they do not want to overburden.