



## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE** February 22, 2013

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**TO** Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee

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**FROM** Sue Geranen Executive Officer  
DCA/Veterinary Medical Board

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**SUBJECT** **Licensure Exemptions**

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**Background:**

Licensure Exemption was raised by a consumer relative to the fact that veterinarians providing services to the general public at the veterinary hospital run by UC Davis Veterinary Medical School do not have to be licensed in California. California law allows for an exemption to licensure for veterinarians working at UC Davis.

In states that have veterinary schools, there are either exemptions or some form of university licensure that accommodates the schools needs for hiring of veterinarians from all over the world who sometimes come into a state for a limited period of time and do not remain and who do not practice outside the confines of the university.

The problem arises when the university veterinary hospital is providing services to the general public and the consumer does not have recourse through the licensing board when there is a problem. In its Strategic Plan, the Board discussed the possibility of changing the law to require a license for veterinarians providing services to the public at the veterinary clinic. The discussion revolved around a "university" license that would not require the standard exams or equivalency programs, but would be issued and could be disciplined if necessary.

This item is up for discussion by the MDC.

**Action Requested:**

Discussion and consideration of taking action.