

# GM607

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, WENDY MAH, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Board of Veterinary Examiners

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, February 27, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 607.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lynn Bhanot and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Veterinary Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 607, regarding the **reappointment** of Wendy Mah to the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Wendy Mah's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Mah has served on the Board since July 15, 2009, and is being reappointed as a public member.

Ms. Mah has attended 13 of 14 meetings. She is a diligent and contributing member who participates in Board meeting discussions. Ms. Mah provides the Board with a balanced perspective as a consumer who uses the services of a veterinarian.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Wendy Mah to the Board of Veterinary Examiners, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

## STATEMENT OF WENDY MAH

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Veterinary Examiners?

I would like to continue the work that I have started with the board through my first term as well as be a part of the current projects one including the guidelines on veterinary prescriptions dispensed through human pharmacies.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Veterinary Examiners?

I see my role as one of upholding the current laws and rules set forth for veterinarians and be the representative of the general public consumer of veterinary medicine.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities as a member of the Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board.

I bring a unique view point to the board since I am not a veterinarian but am in the field of animals as Animal Behaviorist as well as a pet owner and thus a consumer of veterinary medicine. My profession gives me access to a large number of pet owners and to hear their positives, negatives and wishes for veterinary medicine.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Currently I would like to see through the implementation of a guideline for pharmacists who now dispense veterinary medication. This guideline is important for the pharmacist, as well as the pet owner, since many pet owners as well as pharmacist are not aware that some medications are not easily exchanged from one brand to another because of possible life threatening consequences to the pet.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how will these qualities benefit the Board?

1. I bring a unique view point to the board that many veterinarians would not have due to the feedback that I get from my clients.
2. That I am in the field of animals but not a veterinarian.
3. I am a pet owner myself and want to see the profession at it's best for both the veterinarian and the pet owner

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member?

My past term with this board.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

No