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Dear Board Members:

I am submitting my objections to the proposed rulemakings [49 PA. CODE. CH. 31] Dental Procedures.

First, it is very unclear what constitutes a veterinary assistant who is working in a veterinary hospital. Giving the responsibility to the veterinarian to qualify who is sufficiently trained but not educated is detrimental to the patients. Education thru an accredited AVMA school and passing of the national exam for technicians is truly the only way to qualify who meets the standards. All veterinarians have graduated from an accredited school, please request the same for technicians.

Secondly, there is no definitive difference between what veterinary assistants and a licensed technician can do. I propose that no unlicensed assistant perform dental prophylaxis. Assistants are not educated on anatomy and can cause more harm than an educated, licensed technician. I propose a definite distinction in the ruling to reflect this.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice the objections,

Sincerely,

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