

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S2/7/23 S2/9/23 S2/21/23 S3/13/23

2 94th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2023

SENATE BILL 5

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5 By: Senator Hill

6 By: Representative Vaught

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE IN THE

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PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE; TO EXPAND

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TELEMEDICINE FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THIS STATE;

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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO AMEND TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE IN

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THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-101-102(11)(B)(ii), concerning the definition of "veterinarian-client-patient relationship" is amended to read as follows:

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(ii)(a) This means that the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal, by virtue of an examination, whether in-person or by telemedicine, of the animal or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises animal is kept.

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(b) If a veterinarian is using telemedicine, the veterinarian shall be licensed in this state; and

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-101-102(11), concerning the definition of "veterinarian-client-patient relationship", is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

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(D) The veterinarian complies with applicable federal laws



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