

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-244

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3 REQUESTING THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON
4 AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO STUDY THE
5 CURRENT PUBLIC POLICY SET FORTH IN THE ARKANSAS VETERINARY
6 MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN ANIMAL CARE PRACTICES
7 CURRENTLY OR PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED BY NONVETERINARY PRACTITIONERS.
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9 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Practice Act is
10 to protect the health and safety of animals in Arkansas;
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12 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Practice Act may regulate more
13 stringently than other states certain animal care practices;
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15 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has recently modified its veterinary
16 practice act to allow some practices to be preformed without a veterinary
17 license;
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19 WHEREAS, other states are considering changes in their practice acts;
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21 WHEREAS, this issue has been raised by current and past nonveterinary
22 practitioners, and by some horse and large animal owners; and
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24 WHEREAS, a study by this committee will allow various stakeholders to
25 come together to present information and discuss this public policy in a
26 controlled and unbiased format;
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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE,
30 FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
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32 THAT the House and Senate Interim Committees on Agriculture, Forestry,
33 and Economic Development study the effects of the current public policy set
34 forth in the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Practice Act concerning certain
35 animal care practices currently or previously conducted by nonveterinary
36 practitioners and consider whether a proposal to change that public policy

1 should be presented before the 88th General Assembly.

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3 Respectfully submitted,

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