

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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As Engrossed: S2/7/23 S2/9/23

A Bill

SENATE BILL 5

5 By: Senator Hill
6 By: Representative Vaught
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE IN THE
10 PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE; TO EXPAND
11 TELEMEDICINE FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THIS STATE;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO AMEND TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE IN
17 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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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-101-102(11)(B)(ii), concerning the
23 definition of "veterinarian-client-patient relationship" is amended to read
24 as follows:

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

30 (b) If a veterinarian is using telemedicine,
31 the veterinarian shall be licensed and reside in this state; and
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-101-102(11), concerning the definition
34 of "veterinarian-client-patient relationship", is amended to add an
35 additional subdivision to read as follows:

36 (D) The veterinarian complies with applicable federal laws



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/s/Hill

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