

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1844

By: Pope (Clay)

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to liens; providing for veterinarian liens for certain services on animals; providing for possessory and nonpossessory liens; providing for priority and preference; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 105 of Title 42, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in this state offering veterinary service to animals in the field or otherwise, who, at the request of the owner or lawful possessor of any animal, shall provide any professional attention, care, vaccines, antisera, virus, antibiotics, or other medical treatment, food or service upon the animal, shall have a lien upon such animal for the just and reasonable charges therefor, and may hold and retain possession of such animal until such charges are paid. The possessory lien hereby created shall have priority over any and all other liens or encumbrances upon such animal, regardless of where such veterinary service has been rendered.

B. 1. A lien shall also be valid if the veterinarian recorded a verified notice of the lien upon such animal in the office of the county clerk in the county in which such veterinary services were rendered prior to the expiration of sixty (60) days after such services were rendered. The nonpossessory lien created under this subsection shall have priority over any and all other liens or encumbrances upon such animal or animals, except for other possessory liens and previously perfected security interests, regardless of where such veterinary service has been rendered.

2. A lien under this section may not be enforced against a subsequent purchaser of the animal treated unless the purchaser has received actual prior notice of the existence of such lien.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

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