

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Sections 698.1, 698.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 80, O.S.L. 1998, 698.3, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L. 1994, 698.4, 698.5, Section 2, Chapter 80, O.S.L. 1998, 698.6, 698.7, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 143, O.S.L. 1997, 698.8, 698.8a, 698.9a, 698.10a, 698.11, 698.12, 698.14a, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 143, O.S.L. 1997, 698.14b, 698.15, 698.16, 698.17, 698.18, 698.21, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 56, O.S.L. 1992, 698.22, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 56, O.S.L. 1992, 698.23, 698.25, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 143, O.S.L. 1997, 698.26, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 56, O.S.L. 1992, and 698.28 (59 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 698.2, 698.3, 698.5a, 698.7, 698.14a, 698.21, 698.22, 698.25 and 698.26), which relate to the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act; updating language; modifying and adding definitions; increasing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners' membership; adding certain qualifications; providing certain procedure; modifying and adding to the powers and duties of the Board; modifying licensure requirements; adding to qualifications for licensure; clarifying and updating the definition of the practice of veterinary medicine; making certain actions unlawful; authorizing certain uses of designations, abbreviations and words by certain persons; adding to list of grounds for disciplinary actions; providing exceptions; authorizing issuance of subpoenas; providing for abandonment of certain animals; providing for liability of certain veterinarians; authorizing sale or disposal; providing for ownership of animal health records; requiring maintenance; requiring reproduction of records; prohibiting certain fees; providing for confidentiality; providing for liability and certain privileges; providing for release of records and information; making certain persons not liable for providing certain information, reports or investigations, and for providing certain care and treatment; making certain actions unlawful; increasing certain fines and limitations; making certain subsequent offenses felonies; providing penalty; providing for authority of veterinary technicians; repealing 698.13, 698.20, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 56, O.S.L. 1992, 698.24, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 56, O.S.L. 1992 and 698.27 (59 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 698.20 and 698.24), which relate to reciprocal licenses, definitions, authority of veterinary technicians and promulgation of certain rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.