

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2608

By: Peterson (Ron) and Nance of  
the House

and

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An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
making certain information obtained by the State  
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners confidential;  
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 698.29 of Title 59, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and its  
employees, independent contractors, appointed committee members, or  
other agents shall keep confidential, all information obtained:

1. During an investigation of citizen complaints into  
allegations of violations of the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act,  
including:

- a. any review or investigation made to determine whether  
to allow an applicant to take an examination, or
- b. whether the Board shall grant a certificate, license,  
or permit; and

2. In the course of conducting an investigation, including:

- a. investigative reports provided to the Board by a  
registrant, and
- b. examinations and test scores.

B. To ensure the confidentiality of the information for the  
protection of the affected individual or entity, the information  
obtained shall not be deemed to be a record as that term is defined  
in the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

C. Information obtained by the Board or any of its agents shall  
be considered competent evidence in a court of competent  
jurisdiction only in matters directly related to actions of the  
Board and the affected individual or entity as a result of the Board  
obtaining the information. The information shall not be admissible  
as evidence in any other type of civil or criminal action.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 5th day of April, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate