

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 393

By: Harrison of the Senate

and

Covey of the House

An Act relating to professions and occupations;
amending 59 O.S. 2001, Section 698.11, which relates
to the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act; expanding
the scope of practice of veterinary medicine; and
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 698.11, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 698.11 A. The practice of veterinary medicine shall
include, but not be limited to:

1. Diagnosing, surgery, treating, correcting, changing,
relieving, or preventing animal disease, deformity, defect, injury
or other physical or mental conditions including the prescribing or
administering of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus,
application, anesthetic, telemedicine, animal chiropractic diagnosis
and treatment, or other therapeutic diagnostic substance or
technique; dentistry; complementary and alternative therapies to be
defined by rule pursuant to Section 698.7 of Title 59 of the
Oklahoma Statutes; testing for pregnancy or correcting sterility or
enhancing fertility; or rendering advice or recommendation with
regard to any of the above;

2. Representing, directly or indirectly, publicly or privately,
an ability and willingness to do any act prescribed in paragraph 1
of this ~~section~~ subsection; and

3. Using any title words, abbreviation or letters by any person
other than a licensed veterinarian in a manner or under
circumstances which induce the belief that the person using them is
qualified to do any act described in paragraph 1 of this ~~section~~
subsection. Such use shall be prima facie evidence of the intention
to represent oneself as a licensed veterinarian engaged in the
practice of veterinary medicine.

B. Any person licensed to practice veterinary medicine pursuant
to the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act, may use the word "Doctor",
or an abbreviation thereof, and shall have the right to use, whether
or not in conjunction with the word "Doctor" or any abbreviation
thereof, the designation "D.V.M." or "V.M.D.".

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.

Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of April, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives