

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 452
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Bill Summary

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The difference between FA1 and FA1-A1 is that FA1 allowed for equine chiropractic care and massage and FA-A1 does not.

FA1-A1 is a Floor Substitute for Engrossed SB 452. The Floor Substitute amends the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act in Title 59 by adding the following procedures to those procedures of animal husbandry that are not prohibited by the Act and are considered lawful for purposes of caring for livestock:

- Performing an ultrasound;
- Embryo transfer;
- Trimming or shoeing hooves;
- Teeth floating or equine dentistry (including the removal of enamel points from teeth and the leveling of dental arcades in cattle and horses);
- Any other acts the Department of Agriculture does not deem to cause immediate harm.

The measure then expressly adds all the above practices, along with those already permitted by existing law (see below), to Title 2 in the Oklahoma Statutes, and provides for the Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules governing these practices.

Practices already permitted by existing law:

- Dehorning, branding, tagging or notching ears;
- Pregnancy checking;
- Collecting semen, preparing semen, freezing semen;
- Castrating;
- Worming;
- Vaccinating;
- Injecting or artificial insemination of farm animals;
- Acts or conduct of a person advising with respect to nutrition, feeds or feeding

Fiscal Summary

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The first floor amendment to the first floor amendment for SB 452 allows for certain activities related to bovines and equine dentistry to be considered not prohibited under the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act. The first amendment to the first floor amendment removes equine chiropractic or massage from the list. The measure also adds a new section in Title 2 that allows for the same activities.

Fiscal Analysis

Officials at the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry state that the provisions of this measure would have no fiscal impact to their agency.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed by:

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