

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3239 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Amendment submitted by: Toni Hasenbeck

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

PROPOSED POLICY  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 3239

By: Hasenbeck

PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 698.2, which relates  
to veterinary profession definitions; modifying  
certain definitions; defining terms; amending 59 O.S.  
2021, Section 698.12, which relates to allowable  
conduct; providing fee structure for Pulsed  
Electromagnetic Field Therapy; establishing Pulsed  
Electromagnetic Field Therapy certification;  
providing for codification; and providing an  
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 698.2, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 698.2. As used in the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act:

1. "Board" means the State Board of Veterinary Medical  
Examiners;

1        2. "Animal" means any animal other than humans and includes,  
2 but is not limited to, fowl, fish, birds and reptiles, wild or  
3 domestic, living or dead;

4        3. "Veterinarian" means a person who has received a degree in  
5 veterinary medicine or its equivalent from a school of veterinary  
6 medicine;

7        4. "Licensed veterinarian" means any veterinarian who holds an  
8 active license to practice veterinary medicine in this state;

9        5. "School of veterinary medicine" means any veterinary college  
10 or division of a university or college that offers the degree of  
11 doctor of veterinary medicine or its equivalent, which conforms to  
12 the standards required for accreditation by the American Veterinary  
13 Medical Association (AVMA) and which is recognized and approved by  
14 the Board;

15       6. "Veterinary technician" means a person who has graduated  
16 from a program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical  
17 Association, or its equivalent which is recognized and approved by  
18 the Board, and who has passed the examination requirements set forth  
19 by the Board, and is certified to practice under the direct  
20 supervision of a licensed veterinarian. For the purpose of the  
21 Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act, "registered veterinary technician  
22 (RVT)" will be used interchangeably with veterinary technician who  
23 is certified pursuant to Sections 698.21 through 698.26 of this  
24 title;

1       7. "Veterinary technologist" means a person who has  
2 successfully graduated from an AVMA-accredited bachelor degree  
3 program of veterinary technology, or its AVMA equivalent;

4       8. "Veterinary assistant" means an individual who may perform  
5 the duties of a veterinary technician or veterinary technologist;  
6 however, has not graduated from an AVMA-accredited technology  
7 program or its equivalent, and has not been certified by the Board;

8       9. "Veterinary technology" means the science and art of  
9 providing all aspects of professional medical care, services and  
10 treatment for animals with the exception of diagnosis, prognosis,  
11 surgery and prescription of any treatments, drugs, medications or  
12 appliances, where a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship  
13 exists;

14       10. "Direct supervision" means:

- 15           a. directions have been given to a veterinary technician,  
16           nurse, laboratory technician, intern, veterinary  
17           assistant or other employee for medical care following  
18           the examination of an animal by the licensed  
19           veterinarian responsible for the professional care of  
20           the animal, or  
21           b. that, under certain circumstances following the  
22           examination of an animal by a licensed veterinarian  
23           responsible for the professional care of the animal,  
24           the presence of the licensed veterinarian on the

1 premises in an animal hospital setting or in the same  
2 general area in a range setting is required after  
3 directions have been given to a veterinarian who has a  
4 certificate issued pursuant to Section 698.8 of this  
5 title;

6 11. "License" means authorization to practice veterinary  
7 medicine granted by the Board to an individual found by the Board to  
8 meet certain requirements pursuant to the Oklahoma Veterinary  
9 Practice Act or any other applicable statutes;

10 12. "Supervised Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Certificate"  
11 means authorization to practice veterinary medicine with certain  
12 limitations or restrictions on that practice, set by the Board or  
13 authorization to perform certain enumerated functions peripheral to  
14 the practice of veterinary medicine as set by the Board and has a  
15 certificate issued pursuant to Section 698.8 of this title;

16 13. "Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means when:

- 17 a. the licensed veterinarian has assumed the  
18 responsibility for making medical judgments regarding  
19 the health of an animal or animals and the need for  
20 medical treatment, and the client, owner or other  
21 caretaker has agreed to follow the instructions of the  
22 licensed veterinarian, and  
23 b. there is sufficient knowledge of the animal or animals  
24 by the licensed veterinarian to initiate at least a

1           general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical  
2           condition of the animal or animals in that:

3           (1)   the licensed veterinarian has recently seen or is  
4               personally acquainted with the keeping and care  
5               of the animal or animals, or

6           (2)   the licensed veterinarian has made medically  
7               necessary and timely visits to the premises where  
8               the animal or groups of animals are ~~kept or both~~  
9               maintained and created a herd health plan with  
10              the client within the last twelve (12) months,  
11              and

12           c.    the licensed veterinarian is readily available for  
13               follow-up in case of adverse reactions or failure of  
14               the regimen of therapy, or has arranged for emergency  
15               medical coverage, and

16           d.    the licensed veterinarian's actions would conform to  
17               applicable federal law and regulations;

18           14.   "Veterinary premises" means any facility where the practice  
19           of veterinary medicine occurs including, but not limited to, a  
20           mobile unit, mobile clinic, outpatient clinic, satellite clinic,  
21           public service outreach of a veterinary facility or veterinary  
22           hospital or clinic. The term "veterinary premises" shall not  
23           include the premises of a client of a licensed veterinarian or  
24           research facility;

1        15. "Veterinary prescription drugs" means such prescription  
2 items as are in the possession of a person regularly and lawfully  
3 engaged in the manufacture, transportation, storage or wholesale or  
4 retail distribution of veterinary drugs and the federal Food and  
5 Drug Administration-approved human drugs for animals which because  
6 of their toxicity or other potential for harmful effects, or method  
7 of use, or the collateral measures necessary for use, are labeled by  
8 the manufacturer or distributor in compliance with federal law and  
9 regulations to be sold only to or on the prescription order or under  
10 the supervision of a licensed veterinarian for use in the course of  
11 professional practice. Veterinary prescription drugs shall not  
12 include over-the-counter products for which adequate directions for  
13 lay use can be written;

14        16. "ECFVG certificate" means a certificate issued by the  
15 American Veterinary Medical Association Education Commission for  
16 Foreign Veterinary Graduates, indicating that the holder has  
17 demonstrated knowledge and skill equivalent to that possessed by a  
18 graduate of an accredited or approved college of veterinary  
19 medicine;

20        17. "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the  
21 State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners or the authorized  
22 representative of such official;

23        18. "Telemedicine" or "telehealth" means the practice of  
24 veterinary medicine including diagnosis, consultation, evaluation,

1 treatment, transfer of medical data or exchange of information by  
2 means of a two-way, real-time interactive communication between a  
3 client or patient and a veterinarian with access to and reviewing  
4 the patient's relevant information prior to the telemedicine visit.  
5 Telemedicine or telehealth shall not include consultations provided  
6 by telephone audio-only communication. A veterinarian using  
7 telehealth technologies shall take appropriate steps to establish  
8 the veterinarian-client-patient relationship by an in-person  
9 examination within the last twelve (12) months and conduct all  
10 appropriate evaluations and history of the patient consistent with  
11 traditional standards of care for the particular patient  
12 presentation. A veterinarian shall be licensed, or under the  
13 jurisdiction of, the veterinary board of the jurisdiction where the  
14 patient is located. The practice of medicine occurs where the  
15 patient is located at the time telehealth technologies are used and  
16 the relationship may not be established solely by telephone or  
17 electronic means;

18 19. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership,  
19 association, joint venture, cooperative, corporation or any other  
20 group or combination acting in concert, and whether or not acting as  
21 a principal, trustee, fiduciary, receiver or as any other kind of  
22 legal or personal representative, or as the successor in interest,  
23 assignee, agent, factor, servant, employee, director, officer,  
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1 fictitious name certificate or any other representative of such  
2 person;

3 20. "Food animal" means any mammalian, poultry, fowl, fish or  
4 other animal that is raised primarily for human food consumption;

5 21. "Surgery" means the branch of veterinary science conducted  
6 under elective or emergency circumstances, which treats diseases,  
7 injuries and deformities by manual or operative methods including,  
8 but not limited to, cosmetic, reconstructive, ophthalmic,  
9 orthopedic, vascular, thoracic and obstetric procedures. The  
10 provisions in Section 698.12 of this title shall not be construed as  
11 surgery;

12 22. "Abandonment" means to forsake entirely or to neglect or  
13 refuse to provide or perform the legal obligations for care and  
14 support of an animal by its owner, or the owner's agent.  
15 Abandonment shall constitute the relinquishment of all rights and  
16 claims by the owner to an animal;

17 23. "Animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment" means  
18 treatment that includes vertebral subluxation complex (VSC) and  
19 spinal manipulation of nonhuman vertebrates. The term "animal  
20 chiropractic diagnosis and treatment" shall not be construed to  
21 allow the:

- 22 a. use of x-rays,
- 23 b. performing of surgery,
- 24 c. dispensing or administering of medications, or

1           d.    performance of traditional veterinary care;

2           24.   "Animal euthanasia technician" means an employee of a law  
3 enforcement agency, an animal control agency or animal shelter that  
4 is recognized and approved by the Board, who is certified by the  
5 Board and trained to administer sodium pentobarbital to euthanize  
6 injured, sick, homeless or unwanted domestic pets and other animals;

7           25.   "Teeth floating", as provided by a nonveterinary equine  
8 dental care provider, means the removal of enamel points and the  
9 smoothing, contouring and leveling of dental arcades and incisors of  
10 equine and other farm animals. It shall not include dental  
11 procedures on canines and felines;

12          26.   "Nonveterinary reproductive services" means nonveterinary  
13 services provided by an individual certified by the Board as a  
14 nonveterinary reproductive services technician, and involves and  
15 shall be limited to nonsurgical embryo transfer in ruminating  
16 animals including cattle, sheep, goats, farmed deer and other  
17 ruminating exotic animals such as those found in zoos, and may  
18 include basic ultrasonography of their ovaries to evaluate the  
19 response to embryo-transfer-associated procedures and of the uterus  
20 to determine pregnancy by the detection of a heartbeat within the  
21 transferred embryo at or greater than twenty-eight (28) days of  
22 gestation of such ruminating animals;

23          27.   "Embryo transfer" means the biosecure process of inducing  
24 increased ovulations within a donor female for the in vivo

1 production of embryos, the flushing of those embryos, collecting,  
2 grading and transferring of those embryos to recipient females or  
3 the cryopreservation of those embryos for storage and later transfer  
4 to recipient females;

5 28. "Animal Technology Advisory Committee" means the advisory  
6 committee established by the Board pursuant to Section 698.30b of  
7 this title to advise and make recommendations to the Board regarding  
8 any new and evolving technology, procedure, method or practice that  
9 may be considered or otherwise designated as an act of animal  
10 husbandry that should be included as an act not prohibited in  
11 paragraph 1 of Section 698.12 of the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice  
12 Act. Reference to the advisory committee in this act shall mean the  
13 Animal Technology Advisory Committee;

14 29. "Examination Committee" means the committee established and  
15 described in subsection D of Section 698.30a of this title related  
16 to nonveterinary reproductive services; ~~and~~

17 30. "Probable Cause Committee" means the committee consisting  
18 of the Board's secretary or treasurer, investigator and attorney to  
19 negotiate and settle disputes in accordance with the Oklahoma  
20 Veterinary Practice Act;

21 31. "Medical records" means any form of documentation that  
22 provides a current and accurate account of a patient or herd history  
23 and relevant medical information. Each licensed veterinarian  
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1 engaged in the practice shall maintain a complete, legible, written  
2 or computer-generated record concerning the patient and/or herd;

3 32. "Relief veterinarian" means a licensed veterinarian who  
4 works on a temporary or contract basis, who performs the duties of a  
5 full-time veterinarian. They are required to maintain accurate  
6 medical records that allow another veterinarian to proceed with care  
7 and treatment and promote continuity of care for the animal; and

8 33. "Herd health plan" means a documented plan provided by a  
9 licensed veterinarian with a veterinarian-client-patient  
10 relationship that establishes the treatment and supportive care for  
11 a group of animals to enhance a good herd management and optimize  
12 animal health and productivity.

13 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 698.12, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 698.12. The Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act shall not  
16 be construed to prohibit:

17 1. Acts of animal husbandry consisting of dehorning, branding,  
18 tagging or notching ears, teeth floating, farriery, pregnancy  
19 checking by transrectal palpation, collecting semen, preparing  
20 semen, freezing semen, castrating, worming, vaccinating, injecting  
21 or nonsurgical artificial insemination of farm animals; or the acts  
22 or conduct of a person advising with respect to nutrition, feeds or  
23 feeding; and such other acts designated by administrative rule of  
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1 the Board which may be recommended by the Animal Technology Advisory  
2 Committee;

3 2. The owner of an animal or the owner's employees or helpers  
4 from caring for or treating animals belonging to the owner; provided  
5 that, the acts of the owner's employees or helpers otherwise  
6 prohibited by the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act are only an  
7 incidental part of the employment duties and for which no special  
8 compensation is made;

9 3. Acts of a person in lawful possession of an animal for some  
10 other purpose than practicing veterinary medicine; provided that, no  
11 charge may be made or included in any other charge or fee or  
12 adjustment otherwise made of any charge or fee for acts performed  
13 pursuant to this subsection unless the acts are performed by a  
14 licensed veterinarian as provided by the Oklahoma Veterinary  
15 Practice Act;

16 4. Acts of auction markets and other shippers of food animals  
17 in preparing such animals for shipment;

18 5. Acts of a person who is a student in good standing in a  
19 veterinary school, in performing duties or functions assigned by the  
20 student's instructors, or working under the direct supervision of a  
21 licensed veterinarian for each individual case and acts performed by  
22 an instructor or student in a school of veterinary medicine  
23 recognized by the Board and performed as a part of the educational  
24 and training curriculum of the school under the direct supervision

1 of faculty. The unsupervised or unauthorized practice of veterinary  
2 medicine even though on the premises of a school of veterinary  
3 medicine is prohibited;

4 6. Acts of any employee in the course of employment by the  
5 federal government or acts of a veterinarian practicing on property  
6 and persons outside the jurisdiction of the State of Oklahoma;

7 7. A veterinarian currently licensed in another state from  
8 consulting with a licensed veterinarian of this state;

9 8. Acts of agriculture education instructors or students while  
10 engaged in regular agriculture education instruction in programs  
11 approved by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology  
12 Education; provided that said acts are under the supervision of  
13 instructors and are carried out in the usual course of instruction  
14 and not as independent practice by an unlicensed veterinarian  
15 without supervision;

16 9. Any person employed by a licensed veterinarian who is  
17 assisting with the professional duties of the licensed veterinarian  
18 and who is under the direct supervision of the licensed veterinarian  
19 from administering medication or rendering auxiliary or supporting  
20 assistance under the direct supervision of such licensed  
21 veterinarian, provided that the practice is conducted in compliance  
22 with all laws of this state and rules of this Board;

23 10. Any chiropractic physician licensed in this state who is  
24 certified by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to engage in animal

1 chiropractic diagnosis and treatment from practicing animal  
2 chiropractic diagnosis and treatment;

3 11. Any chiropractic physician licensed in this state who is  
4 not certified to practice animal chiropractic diagnosis and  
5 treatment by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners from providing  
6 chiropractic treatment to an animal referred to such chiropractic  
7 physician by a licensed veterinarian;

8 12. Any individual that is certified in animal massage therapy  
9 and acquires liability insurance from engaging in animal massage  
10 therapy after referral from a licensed veterinarian;

11 13. Any individual that is certified by the State Board of  
12 Veterinary Medical Examiners and pays a certification fee of Two  
13 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) under subsection A of Section 698.30 of  
14 this title from engaging in nonveterinary equine dental care; or

15 14. Any individual that is certified by the Board pursuant to  
16 Section 3 of this act and pays a certification fee of Two Hundred  
17 Dollars (\$200.00) from providing nonveterinary reproductive services  
18 as defined by Section 698.2 of this title; and

19 15. Any individual that is certified by the Board pays a  
20 certification fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) from using Pulsed  
21 Electromagnetic Field Therapy (PEMF).

22 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 698.30c of Title 59, unless  
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. The Board may annually certify an individual that has  
2 completed instruction on non-humans in Pulsed Electromagnetic Field  
3 Therapy (PEMF) and receive certification from the Association of  
4 PEMF Professionals or a similar certifying organization approved by  
5 the Board.

6       B. To be eligible for this certification, the person shall pay  
7 a fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and complete an application  
8 on a form provided by the Board and provide qualifying documentation  
9 as established by the Board, including the following:

10       1. Endorsement from a licensed veterinarian in good standing;

11 and

12       2. Proof of liability malpractice coverage.

13       C. Proof of four (4) continuing education hours shall be  
14 required for annual certification upon renewal due on or before July  
15 1 each year. The renewal fee shall remain the same as the  
16 application fee.

17       SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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