

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 SENATE BILL 1677

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to veterinary medicine; creating the  
8 Veterinary Telemedicine for Livestock Care Act;  
9 providing short title; defining terms; providing  
10 requirements for the use of telemedicine in  
11 veterinarian care; providing conditions for  
utilization of telemedicine; authorizing the State  
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to promulgate  
rules; providing for noncodification; providing for  
codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 This act shall be known as the "Veterinary Telemedicine for  
18 Livestock Care Act".

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 698.30c of Title 59, unless  
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 As used in this act:

1       1. "Livestock" means cattle, bison, swine, sheep, goats,  
2 equine, and poultry raised for commercial, agricultural, or  
3 subsistence purposes;

4       2. "Telemedicine" means the practice of veterinary medicine  
5 using electronic communications, information technology, or other  
6 means of interaction between a licensed veterinarian and a livestock  
7 owner or caretaker when the veterinarian and the animal are not in  
8 the same physical location; and

9       3. "Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" (VCPR) means the  
10 relationship defined in Section 698.2 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma  
11 Statutes and veterinary board rules, which may be established  
12 through telemedicine under the conditions set forth in this act.

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

16       A. Telemedicine may be used by licensed veterinarians to  
17 evaluate, diagnose, and provide personalized treatment  
18 recommendations for livestock when an in-person examination is not  
19 immediately feasible, provided that the:

20       1. Condition of the livestock requires timely veterinary  
21 attention to prevent death, serious harm, or unnecessary suffering;

22       2. Use of telemedicine is limited to cases where visual or  
23 verbal communication with the owner or caretaker provides sufficient  
24 information for the veterinarian to make a professional judgment;

1       3. Veterinarian obtains sufficient information to make an  
2 informed clinical decision through live videos, photographs,  
3 electronic records, or other approved telecommunication methods; and

4       4. Telemedicine encounter is documented in the patient's  
5 medical record in the same manner as an in-person consultation.

6       B. Telemedicine shall not be used as a substitute for annual  
7 herd health inspections, vaccinations, or other procedures requiring  
8 physical presence, unless approved by the State Board of Veterinary  
9 Medical Examiners.

10       SECTION 4.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 698.30e of Title 59, unless  
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13       The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall promulgate  
14 rules and regulations establishing:

15       1. Standards for the appropriate use of telemedicine in  
16 livestock care;

17       2. Requirements for recordkeeping and confidentiality of  
18 telemedicine encounters;

19       3. Training for certification standards for veterinarians  
20 utilizing telemedicine; and

21       4. Limitations on prescribing medications through telemedicine  
22 without a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) or an in-  
23 person examination, except in emergency cases where immediate

1 treatment is necessary in order to preserve animal health and  
2 welfare.

3 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
4 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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