

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1677 creates the Veterinary Telemedicine for Livestock Care Act. The measure authorizes the use of telemedicine to provide veterinarian services for livestock when an in-person examination is not immediately feasible. The measure requires the condition of the livestock to require timely veterinary attention to avoid death or injury. The use of telemedicine shall be limited to cases where visual or verbal communication with the owner or caretaker provides sufficient information to make a professional judgement. The telemedicine session shall be documented in the patient's file. Telemedicine shall not be used as a substitute for inspections required by law. The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall promulgate rules to enforce the provisions of the measure.

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