

SENATE CHAMBER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. _____

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

I move to amend Senate Bill No. 270, page 10, line 19 1/2, by adding a new Section 4 to read as attached:

Renumber subsequent sections; and

Amend the title to conform.

Submitted by:

Senator Murdock

Murdock-NP-FA-SB270

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1 "SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 698.3, is
2 amended to read as follows:

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4 Section 698.3. A. The State Board of Veterinary Medical
5 Examiners is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, ~~2023~~
6 2025, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law,
7 to regulate and enforce the practice of veterinary medicine in this
8 state in accordance with the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act.

9 B. 1. The duty of determining a person's initial and
10 continuing qualification and fitness for the practice of veterinary
11 medicine, of proceeding against the unlawful and unlicensed
12 practice of veterinary medicine and of enforcing the Oklahoma
13 Veterinary Practice Act is hereby delegated to the Board. That

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1 duty shall be discharged in accordance with the Oklahoma Veterinary
2 Practice Act and other applicable statutes.

3 2. a. It is necessary that the powers conferred on the
4 Board by the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act be
5 construed to protect the health, safety and welfare
6 of the people of this state.

7 b. No member of the Board, acting in that capacity or as
8 a member of any Board committee, shall participate in
9 the making of any decision or the taking of any
10 action affecting such member's own personal,
11 professional or pecuniary interest, or that of a
12 person related to the member within the third degree
13 by consanguinity, marriage or adoption or of a
14 business or professional associate.

15 c. With advice of legal counsel, the Board shall adopt
16 and annually review a conflict of interest policy to
17 enforce the provisions of the Oklahoma Veterinary
18 Practice Act.

19 C. The practice of veterinary medicine is a privilege granted
20 by the people of this state acting through their elected
21 representatives. It is not a natural right of individuals. In the
22 interest of the public, and to protect the public, it is necessary
23 to provide laws and rules to govern the granting and subsequent use
24 of the privilege to practice veterinary medicine. The primary
25 responsibility and obligation of the Board is to protect the public
26 from the unprofessional, improper, incompetent and unlawful
27 practice of veterinary medicine.

28 D. The liability of any member or employee of the Board acting
29 within the scope of Board duties or employment shall be governed by
30 The Governmental Tort Claims Act.”
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