

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 270
Version:	Engrossed Senate
Request Number:	N/A
Author:	Rep. Hasenbeck
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Impact:	\$0

Research Analysis

SB270 modifies the definition of “telemedicine” or “telehealth” to clarify that practice of medicine occurs where the patient is located at the time telehealth technologies are used. The definition requires that a veterinarian must be licensed, or under the jurisdiction of, the veterinary board of the jurisdiction where the patient is located.

The measure allows the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to give scholarships to individuals working toward a degree in veterinary medicine. The Board may contract with other state agencies and nonprofit corporations for the endowment, management and administration of scholarships.

The measure allows any active member of the military, or their spouse, who is licensed in veterinary medicine in another state, to submit an application for licensure in Oklahoma. If found to be in good standing, the applicant shall be licensed within 30 days.

Lastly, the measure extends the Veterinary Center’s ability to enter in to program agreements with first-year veterinary students or currently practicing large animal veterinarians.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 270 makes changes to the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act, including changing the definition of telemedicine or telehealth, allowing for scholarships, and making it easier for military personal or their spouses to be licenses upon transferring to Oklahoma. Officials at the Veterinary Board does not believe this bill will create any fiscal impact for the Board. Additionally, the Board is a nonappropriated agency, therefore there will be no impact to the State.

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Other Considerations

None.

