

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

SB 270 modifies various provisions relating to veterinarians. The measure defines telemedicine and provides for veterinarians and clients to interact in real-time via digital means. The measure also creates the Probable Cause Committee, which shall consist members from the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners as outlined in the measure. The newly created Committee shall negotiate and settle disputes. The measure also extends the prohibition on the Veterinary Center from entering into any program agreements from 2018 to 2025.

The measure also creates a new duty for the State Board to grant scholarships to an individual advancing toward obtaining a degree in veterinary medicine from an Oklahoma higher education institution. The State Board is authorized by the measure to contract with third-party entities as necessary to carry out this new duty. Additionally, the measure provides for any member of the military or their spouse licensed in another recognized jurisdiction but residing in the state to submit a completed application for licensure or registration in Oklahoma.

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