

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1033

By: Kendrix of the House

3 and

4 Bergstrom of the Senate

5  
6 An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2021,  
7 Section 698.3, which relates to the State Board of  
8 Veterinary Medical Examiners; re-creating the Board;  
9 and modifying the termination date.

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 698.3, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 698.3. A. The State Board of Veterinary Medical  
14 Examiners is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, ~~2025~~ 2030,  
15 in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, to  
16 regulate and enforce the practice of veterinary medicine in this  
17 state in accordance with the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act.

18 B. 1. The duty of determining a person's initial and  
19 continuing qualification and fitness for the practice of veterinary  
20 medicine, of proceeding against the unlawful and unlicensed practice  
21 of veterinary medicine and of enforcing the Oklahoma Veterinary  
22 Practice Act is hereby delegated to the Board. That duty shall be  
23 discharged in accordance with the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act  
24 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

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

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

1 from the unprofessional, improper, incompetent and unlawful practice  
2 of veterinary medicine.

3 D. The liability of any member or employee of the Board acting  
4 within the scope of Board duties or employment shall be governed by  
5 The Governmental Tort Claims Act.

6 Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of February,  
7 2025.

8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Officer of the Senate