

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 5

By: Senator Hill

By: Representative Vaught

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE IN THE
PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE; TO EXPAND
TELEMEDICINE FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THIS STATE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE IN
THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-101-102(11)(B)(ii), concerning the definition of "veterinarian-client-patient relationship" is amended to read as follows:

(ii)(a) This means that the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal, by virtue of an examination, whether in-person or by telemedicine, of the animal or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises animal is kept.

(b) If a veterinarian is using telemedicine, the veterinarian shall be licensed in this state; and

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-101-102(11), concerning the definition of "veterinarian-client-patient relationship", is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(D) The veterinarian complies with applicable federal laws



and regulations;

/s/Hill