

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Regulatory Reform
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Buchanan offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

6 Remove lines 31-35 and insert:

7 relationship may be established in person, or by means of
8 veterinary telemedicine if audio-visual technology is used to
9 establish such relationship. A physical examination is not
10 required for the veterinarian to assume responsibility for
11 making medical judgments or providing treatment.

12 (14) "Veterinary telemedicine" means the practice of
13 veterinary medicine in a remote setting, including through the
14 use of telephone or audio-visual technology or by other means
15 consistent with the veterinarian's professional judgment, as

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16 long as the veterinarian/client/patient relationship is
17 established either in person or by audio-visual technology.

18 Section 2. Section 474.2031, Florida Statutes, is created
19 to read:

20 474.2021 Veterinary Telemedicine.—

21 (1) A veterinarian may practice veterinary telemedicine.

22 (2) A veterinarian may not prescribe controlled substances
23 if the veterinarian/client/patient relationship has been
24 established remotely under this section and a physical
25 examination has not previously occurred, unless the controlled
26 substance is prescribed for the following:

27 (a) Inpatient treatment at an animal clinic or hospital; or

28 (b) The treatment of a patient receiving hospice services.

29 (3) A veterinarian must hold a current license to practice
30 veterinary medicine in the State of Florida in order to practice
31 veterinary telemedicine in Florida.

32 (4) The Board has jurisdiction over a veterinarian
33 practicing veterinary telemedicine in Florida, regardless of
34 where the veterinarian's physical offices are located. However,
35 the practice of veterinary telemedicine in conformance with this
36 chapter is not a violation of the standard of care, and a
37 veterinarian may not be disciplined solely for practicing
38 veterinary telemedicine.

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Remove lines 24-25 and insert:

Section 1. Section 474.202, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

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Remove line 7 and insert:

diseases; defining "veterinary telemedicine"; creating s.
474.2031, F.S.; authorizing veterinarians to establish
veterinarian/client/patient relationship remotely; prohibiting
veterinarians from prescribing controlled substances under
certain circumstances; authorizing the Florida Board of
Veterinary Medicine jurisdiction; specifying standard of care
and discipline; amending s. 474.214, F.S.; revising grounds