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As Engrossed: S2/7/23

A Bill

SENATE BILL 5

5 By: Senator Hill
6 By: Representative Vaught
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 TO AMEND TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE IN
16 THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-101-102(11)(B)(ii), concerning the
23 definition of "veterinarian-client-patient relationship" is amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (ii) This means that the veterinarian has recently
26 seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal, by
27 virtue of an examination, whether in-person or by telemedicine, of the animal
28 or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the
29 animal is kept; and
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-101-102(11), concerning the definition
32 of "veterinarian-client-patient relationship", is amended to add an
33 additional subdivision to read as follows:

34 (D) The veterinarian complies with applicable federal laws
35 and regulations;
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