

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2833

By: Gann of the House

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6 An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2011,
7 Section 698.3, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
8 353, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 698.3),
9 which relates to the State Board of Veterinary
10 Medical Examiners; re-creating the Board; and
11 modifying termination date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 698.3, as
14 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp.
15 2019, Section 698.3), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 698.3 A. The State Board of Veterinary Medical
17 Examiners is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021,
18 in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, to
19 regulate and enforce the practice of veterinary medicine in this
20 state in accordance with the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act.

21 B. 1. The duty of determining a person's initial and
22 continuing qualification and fitness for the practice of veterinary
23 medicine, of proceeding against the unlawful and unlicensed practice
24 of veterinary medicine and of enforcing the Oklahoma Veterinary

1 Practice Act is hereby delegated to the Board. That duty shall be
2 discharged in accordance with the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act
3 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

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

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

