

1-1 By: Johnson S.B. No. 1442  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2025; March 6, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture and  
1-4 Rural Affairs; April 29, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1;  
1-6 April 29, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Perry	X		
1-10	Hancock	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Blanco	X		
1-13	Gutierrez	X		
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-15	Johnson	X		
1-16	Kolkhorst	X		
1-17	Sparks		X	

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1442 By: Blanco

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a study by the State Board of Veterinary Medical  
1-22 Examiners on establishing a veterinarian-client-patient  
1-23 relationship by telephone or electronic means.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. (a) In this Act, "board" means the State Board  
1-26 of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

1-27 (b) The board shall conduct a study on establishing a  
1-28 veterinarian-client-patient relationship by telephone or  
1-29 electronic means, including by using audiovisual  
1-30 telecommunications technology. In conducting the study, the board  
1-31 must consider:

1-32 (1) whether synchronous audiovisual  
1-33 telecommunications technology is available and efficient for use by  
1-34 veterinarians;

1-35 (2) the board's authority to exercise jurisdiction  
1-36 over a veterinarian practicing veterinary medicine in this state by  
1-37 telephone or electronic means, regardless of the veterinarian's  
1-38 physical location;

1-39 (3) the need for rules regarding the affiliation of a  
1-40 veterinarian practicing veterinary medicine by telephone or  
1-41 electronic means with a veterinary practice located in this state;

1-42 (4) the need for laws regarding the prescription of  
1-43 controlled substances and the provision of veterinary medical  
1-44 services to animals associated with an agricultural operation;

1-45 (5) whether to amend Chapter 801, Occupations Code, to  
1-46 authorize and regulate the establishment of a  
1-47 veterinarian-client-patient relationship by telephone or  
1-48 electronic means without a physical examination of an animal; and

1-49 (6) the extent to which changes to Chapter 801,  
1-50 Occupations Code, are required for the state to comply with the  
1-51 opinion in *Hines v. Pardue*, 117 F.4th 769 (5th Cir. 2024).

1-52 (c) Not later than December 1, 2026, the board shall submit  
1-53 to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house  
1-54 of representatives, and each standing committee of the legislature  
1-55 with primary jurisdiction over the practice of veterinary medicine  
1-56 a report on the results of the study conducted under Subsection (b)  
1-57 of this section and any recommendations for legislative or other  
1-58 action. The report may be submitted electronically.

1-59 SECTION 2. This Act expires December 31, 2026.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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