



**Fiscal Note**  
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**SB 25-159: USE OF VETERINARY TELEHEALTH**

**Prime Sponsors:**  
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**Bill Outcome:** Postponed Indefinitely  
**Drafting number:** LLS 25-0604

**Version:** Final Fiscal Note  
**Date:** July 29, 2025

**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee on March 20, 2025; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Summary Information**

**Overview.** The bill would have modified certain laws related to the practice of veterinary telehealth.

**Types of impacts.** The bill was projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis starting in FY 2025-26:

- Minimal State Workload

**Appropriations.** No appropriation was required.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

## Summary of Legislation

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The bill modifies certain laws regarding the practice of veterinary telehealth. Specifically, the bill:

- allows veterinarians to establish a client-patient relationship through telehealth;
- clarifies the definition of telehealth;
- changes references in current law from “telemedicine” to “telehealth;”
- authorizes veterinarians to prescribe drugs through telehealth, with exceptions for controlled substances and antimicrobials;
- removes the requirement that veterinarians using telehealth be available in person for follow-up evaluations; and
- allows veterinary specialists, within their scope of practice, to prescribe drugs through telehealth.

## State Expenditures

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Workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies may increase to conduct additional rulemaking, provide information and outreach to practitioners, respond to complaints, and take disciplinary action against license holders. The department may require legal services, provided by the Department of Law, related to a rise in complaints. This workload is expected to be minimal, and no change in appropriations is required.

## Effective Date

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The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Judicial  
Law

Personnel  
Regulatory Agencies

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).