Senator Latvala moved the following:

**Senate Amendment to Amendment (226306) (with title amendment)**

Between lines 275 and 276

insert:

Section 15. Section 474.2195, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

474.2195 Veterinary telemedicine.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Patient relationship” means a relationship where the veterinarian has assumed the responsibility of making medical
judgments regarding the health of an animal and its need for medical treatment.

(b) “Physical examination” means the evaluation of a patient by a veterinarian through personal inspection, palpation, and auscultation of the patient. This definition does not apply to s. 474.2185.

(c) “Veterinary telemedicine” means the practice of veterinary medicine by a Florida-licensed veterinarian which includes a complete physical examination and the establishment of a patient relationship in which patient care, treatment, or service is provided through the use of medical information exchanged from one site to another via electronic communications.

(2) The standard of care for a veterinarian providing veterinary telemedicine services to a patient is the same as the standard of care generally accepted for a veterinarian providing in-person health care services.

(3) Veterinary telemedicine must be practiced within the context of a patient relationship except for care, treatment, or service provided to a patient in an emergency until the patient can be seen by or transported to a veterinarian.

(4) In the case of herd animals, the establishment of a patient relationship does not require the physical examination of each animal.

(5) A veterinarian may consult on patient care with another veterinarian who has an ongoing patient relationship with the patient, including the use of any prescription medication, and may consult on on-call or cross-coverage cases in which the veterinarian has access to patient records, via electronic
communications.

============== TITLE AMENDMENT ===============
And the title is amended as follows:
Between lines 844 and 845
insert:
  creating s. 474.2195, F.S.; defining terms; specifying
  the standard of care required for veterinary
  telemedicine services; requiring veterinary
  telemedicine to be practiced within the context of a
  patient relationship; providing an exception;
  specifying that physical examination of each animal is
  not required for herd animals; authorizing a
  veterinarian to consult with another veterinarian
  under certain circumstances;