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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Latvala) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment**

Delete lines 58 - 109  
and insert:  
by a veterinarian. This definition does not apply to s.  
474.2185.

(11)-(9) "Practice of veterinary medicine" means diagnosing  
the medical condition of animals and prescribing, dispensing, or  
administering drugs, medicine, appliances, applications, or  
treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief



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11 of a wound, fracture, bodily injury, or disease thereof;  
12 performing any manual procedure for the diagnosis of or  
13 treatment for pregnancy or fertility or infertility of animals;  
14 or representing oneself by the use of titles or words, or  
15 undertaking, offering, or holding oneself out, as performing any  
16 of these functions. The term includes the determination of the  
17 health, fitness, or soundness of an animal.

18 (12)~~(10)~~ "Responsible supervision" or words of similar  
19 purport mean the control, direction, and regulation by a  
20 licensed doctor of veterinary medicine of the duties involving  
21 veterinary services which she or he delegates to unlicensed  
22 personnel.

23 (13)~~(11)~~ "Veterinarian" means a health care practitioner  
24 who is licensed to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine  
25 in Florida under the authority of this chapter.

26 (14)~~(12)~~ "Veterinarian relationship," "client  
27 relationship," or "patient Veterinarian/client/patient  
28 relationship" means a relationship where the veterinarian has  
29 assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments  
30 regarding the health of the animal and its need for medical  
31 treatment.

32 (15) "Veterinary dentistry" means a discipline within the  
33 scope of veterinary practice that involves the professional  
34 examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prevention, and nonsurgical  
35 and surgical treatment of conditions, diseases, and disorders of  
36 the oral cavity and maxillofacial area and their adjacent and  
37 associated structures. A veterinary dental cleaning refers to  
38 scaling, supragingival and subgingival plaque and calculus  
39 removal, and polishing of the teeth with power or hand



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40 instruments by a licensed veterinarian or under his or her  
41 immediate supervision. Periodontal therapy, which is also  
42 included within veterinary dentistry, refers to the treatment of  
43 diseased periodontal tissues which includes professional dental  
44 cleaning as defined in this subsection and one or more of the  
45 following treatments: root planing, gingival curettage,  
46 periodontal flaps, extractions, regenerative surgery,  
47 gingivectomy or gingivoplasty, and local administration of  
48 antiseptics or antibiotics.

49 (16)~~(13)~~ "Veterinary medicine" includes, with respect to  
50 animals, surgery, acupuncture, obstetrics, veterinary dentistry,  
51 physical therapy, radiology, theriogenology, complementary or  
52 alternative veterinary medicine, veterinary telemedicine, and  
53 other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine.

54 (17) "Veterinary telemedicine" means the practice of  
55 veterinary medicine by a veterinarian following a physical  
56 examination and the establishment of a valid