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Senator Latvala moved the following:

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

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4 Between lines 275 and 276
5 insert:

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

8 474.2195 Veterinary telemedicine.-

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

10 (a) "Patient relationship" means a relationship where the
11 veterinarian has assumed the responsibility of making medical



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12 judgments regarding the health of an animal and its need for
13 medical treatment.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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41 communications.

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44 And the title is amended as follows:

45 Between lines 844 and 845

46 insert:

47 creating s. 474.2195, F.S.; defining terms; specifying
48 the standard of care required for veterinary
49 telemedicine services; requiring veterinary
50 telemedicine to be practiced within the context of a
51 patient relationship; providing an exception;
52 specifying that physical examination of each animal is
53 not required for herd animals; authorizing a
54 veterinarian to consult with another veterinarian
55 under certain circumstances;