

REFERENCE TITLE: veterinarian visits; electronic means; prescriptions

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## **SB 1286**

Introduced by  
Senator Kavanagh

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-2240.03, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO  
VETERINARIANS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-2240.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 to read:

4 32-2240.03. Veterinarian client patient relationship through  
5 electronic means; consent; prescriptions; scope  
6 of practice

7 A. Notwithstanding any other law and except for an animal that is  
8 used in commercial food production that is regulated under title 3, a  
9 veterinarian may establish a veterinarian client patient relationship  
10 through electronic means if all of the following apply:

11 1. The veterinarian is licensed pursuant to this chapter or holds a  
12 permit pursuant to section 32-2217.01.

13 2. The veterinarian obtains informed consent from the client,  
14 including an acknowledgement that the standards of care prescribed by this  
15 chapter apply to in-person visits and visits through electronic  
16 means. The veterinarian shall maintain for at least three years  
17 documentation of the consent described in this paragraph.

18 3. The veterinarian provides the client with the veterinarian's  
19 name and contact information and secures an alternate means of contacting  
20 the client if the electronic means is interrupted. The electronic or  
21 written record provided to the client after the ~~telemedicine~~ visit **THROUGH**  
22 **ELECTRONIC MEANS** must include the veterinarian's license number.

23 4. Before conducting an evaluation of the patient through  
24 electronic means, the veterinarian advises the client of all of the  
25 following:

26 (a) The veterinarian may ultimately recommend an in-person visit.

27 (b) The veterinarian is prohibited by federal law from prescribing  
28 some drugs or medications based only on an electronic examination.

29 (c) The appointment through electronic means may be terminated at  
30 any time.

31 5. The veterinarian is able to recommend the client to a local  
32 veterinarian who can see the animal in person. The client has the option  
33 to choose an in-person visit.

34 B. A veterinarian may prescribe drugs or medications after  
35 establishing a ~~veterinary~~ **VETERINARIAN** client patient relationship through  
36 electronic means, except that:

37 1. Prescriptions based only on an electronic examination may be  
38 initially issued for up to ~~fourteen~~ **SIXTY** days and may be renewed one time  
39 for up to ~~fourteen~~ **SIXTY** days with an additional electronic examination.

40 2. Prescriptions based only on electronic examinations and that  
41 have been renewed once may not be renewed again without an in-person  
42 examination.

43 3. The veterinarian must notify the client that some prescription  
44 drugs or medications may be available at a pharmacy and, if requested, the

1 veterinarian will submit a prescription to a pharmacy that the client  
2 chooses.

3 4. The veterinarian may not order, prescribe or make available a  
4 controlled substance as defined in section 36-2501 unless the veterinarian  
5 has performed an in-person physical examination of the patient or made  
6 medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the patient  
7 is kept.

8 5. The veterinarian shall prescribe all drugs and medications in  
9 accordance with all federal and state laws.

10 C. Veterinarian services provided through electronic means are  
11 subject to the rules adopted pursuant to section 32-2275 relating to the  
12 practice of veterinary medicine.