

Beekeeping and Veterinary Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ariel Defay

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill addresses veterinarian-client-patient relationship and bees.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- provides for the veterinarian-client-patient relationship with regard to bees; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-28-604, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 109

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-28-604** is amended to read:

58-28-604 . Veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

(1) [A]

(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), a licensee under this chapter may only practice under a veterinarian-client-patient relationship as defined in Section 58-28-102.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 58-28-102, when a veterinarian employed by the Department of Agriculture and Food issues a prescription to an apis mellifera owner, a veterinarian-client-patient relationship is established for the veterinarian employed by the Department of Agriculture and Food if:

(i) the relevant apiary is inspected by:

(A) a county bee inspector, employed under Section 4-11-105; or

(B) an inspector for the Department of Agriculture and Food; and

32 (ii) in conducting the inspection under Subsection (1)(b)(i), the inspector works in
33 conjunction with the veterinarian employed by the Department of Agriculture and
34 Food.

35 (2) A veterinarian-client-patient relationship may not be established solely by telephone or
36 other electronic means.

37 Section 2. **Effective date.**

38 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.