



# Initiative 144

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# Fiscal Impact Statement

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### **LCS TITLE: VETERINARY TELEHEALTH**

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### **Summary of Measure**

The measure allows veterinarians to use telehealth. Services may only be provided by a licensed veterinarian, and are subject to other requirements established by the measure.

### **State Expenditures**

By changing the scope of practice for veterinarians to allow for telehealth delivery, the measure will minimally increase workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to update rules, conduct outreach and education, and discipline any licensed veterinarians who do not comply with the provisions of the measure. No additional appropriations are required.

### **Effective Date**

If approved by voters at the 2024 general election, this measure takes effect upon proclamation of the Governor, no later than 30 days after the official canvass of the vote is completed.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Regulatory Agencies