

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2022

HOUSE BILL No. 2605

By Committee on Agriculture

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1 AN ACT concerning animal care; relating to the veterinary training  
2 program for rural Kansas; establishing an advisory committee;  
3 increasing the rural population requirement maximum; creating a food  
4 animal percentage requirement in lieu of such rural population  
5 requirement; amending K.S.A. 76-4,112 and repealing the existing  
6 section.  
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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 76-4,112 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-  
10 4,112. (a) (1) There is hereby established the veterinary training program  
11 for rural Kansas at the college of veterinary medicine at Kansas state  
12 university ~~which~~. *The program shall be developed and implemented in*  
13 *order to provide encouragement, opportunities and incentives for persons*  
14 *pursuing a veterinary medicine degree program at Kansas state university*  
15 *to locate their veterinary practice in rural Kansas communities and receive*  
16 *specialized training targeted to meet the needs of livestock producers and*  
17 *rural Kansas communities.*

18 (2) The program shall be administered by the college of veterinary  
19 medicine at Kansas state university *in consultation with the advisory*  
20 *committee established in paragraph (3).*

21 (3) (A) *There is hereby established an advisory committee that will*  
22 *serve over the program to help select students, determine the needs of the*  
23 *program and provide input to the college.*

24 (B) *The advisory committee shall consist of:*

25 (i) *Two representatives from the Kansas veterinary medical*  
26 *association, including a member of the association's executive committee,*  
27 *and one member who has received a scholarship under the program;*

28 (ii) *the animal health commissioner;*

29 (iii) *two members appointed by the Kansas department of*  
30 *agriculture; and*

31 (iv) *two representatives from the college.*

32 (b) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, in accordance with  
33 the provisions of this section, the college may enter into program  
34 agreements with ~~up to five first-year veterinary students per year who have~~  
35 ~~entered into a program agreement~~. Preference shall be given to those  
36 students who are Kansas residents and who agree to serve in a county as

met the requirements of this section

1 section, repay to the college, within 90 days of such failure, the amount  
2 equal to the amount loaned to such person less a prorated amount based on  
3 any such periods of practice of veterinary medicine meeting the  
4 requirements of this section, plus interest at the prime rate of interest plus  
5 2% from the date such loan accrued. Such interest shall be compounded  
6 annually.

7 (e) *If a person is engaging in the full-time practice of veterinary*  
8 *medicine pursuant to a program agreement in a county that no longer*  
9 *meets the population ~~[or food animal percentage]~~ requirement ~~[of such~~*  
10 *~~program agreement]~~ after the date that such program agreement was*  
11 *entered into by the college and such person, such program agreement*  
12 *shall continue in full force and effect subject to the other requirements of*  
13 *this section.*

14 (f) An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in  
15 accordance with the provisions of this section shall be postponed during:

16 (1) Any period of temporary medical disability during which the  
17 person obligated is unable to practice veterinary medicine due to such  
18 disability; and

19 (2) any other period of postponement agreed to or determined in  
20 accordance with criteria agreed to in the practice agreement.

21 ~~(g)~~(g) An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine  
22 in accordance with the provisions of the agreement and this section shall  
23 be satisfied:

24 (1) If the obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine  
25 in accordance with the agreement has been completed;

26 (2) if, because of permanent disability, the person obligated is unable  
27 to practice veterinary medicine; or

28 (3) the person obligated dies.

29 ~~(h)~~(h) The college may adopt additional provisions, requirements or  
30 conditions to participate in this program as are practicable and appropriate  
31 to accomplish the provisions of the program or may be required for the  
32 implementation or administration of the program, and, in any case, as are  
33 not inconsistent with the provisions of this section or the provisions of  
34 appropriation acts.

35 ~~(i)~~(i) As used in this section:

36 (1) "Animal" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 47-816, and  
37 amendments thereto;

38 (2) "advisory committee" means the committee established in  
39 subsection (a)(3);

40 (3) "college" means the college of veterinary medicine at Kansas state  
41 university;

42 ~~(2)~~(4) "food animal" means any animal that:

43 (A) Is raised for the production of an edible product intended for