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SENATOR DIERKS: And this comes from FDA. It says, a licensed veterinarian may legally use or dispense the veterinary prescription drug product only within the course of his or her professional practice where a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists. Veterinarians employed by drug manufacturers or distributors may not legally dispense prescription drug products to laypersons, unless they meet the above criteria. Similarly, practicing veterinarians or their employees may not legally sell veterinary prescription drug products to walk-in customers, unless the same criteria are met.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR DIERKS: That...that's part of FDA wording.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Does the...does the definition of veterinary...veterinarian-client-patient relationship, does that definition parallel the federal definition?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes? Okay. And, as that...as you would intend that definition to be interpreted in Nebraska for purposes of our law, as I understand it, you don't necessarily require that with regard to a particular animal that it's necessary for a veterinarian to have actually, physically looked at that particular animal in order to have a valid client-veterinarian relationship, under the bill. Is that accurate?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's accurate.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and how...

SENATOR DIERKS: If you have knowledge...if you have knowledge of the herd, if you're their attending veterinarian, you know what the process is, you know what the owner is going through and what he needs the product for, you have that right to make that prescription. That's part of the veterinarian-client-patient relationship.