

HB 2470 -- LIVESTOCK REPRODUCTIVE SPECIALISTS

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The bill specifies that the laws governing the practice of veterinary medicine do not prohibit any person qualified as a "livestock reproductive specialist", as defined in the bill, acting under indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian from performing advanced reproductive technologies on livestock. It is not considered the practice of veterinary medicine for a livestock reproductive specialist trained in advanced reproductive technologies to remove an embryo or oocyte from livestock for the purpose of transplanting such embryo into another female livestock animal or for the purpose of cryopreserving such embryo, or to implant such embryo into a livestock animal while under indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

A supervisor is responsible and liable for the acts and omissions of a livestock reproductive specialist working under his or her supervision. Nothing in this section will be construed to relieve a livestock reproductive specialist from any of their own acts or omissions.

A person with certain academic credentials and membership in certain organizations detailed in the bill can provide advanced reproductive technologies to livestock under indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian. A person with such academic credentials, who is not a member of a nationally recognized organization that acknowledges persons performing embryo transfer or vitro fertilization, can qualify as a livestock reproductive specialist by examination and, upon successful certification examination, can provide advanced reproductive technologies to livestock under supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

The bill creates the "Certification Examination Committee" with membership requirements described in the bill. Each member is appointed for a four-year term and may not exceed two terms. The certification examination and continuing education of livestock reproductive specialists must be approved by the Committee. Proof of at least eight hours of continuing education from courses approved by the Committee will be required for annual certification renewal as a livestock reproductive specialist.

This bill is similar to SB 883 (2026).