

## **Establishing Board of Veterinary Examiners in Department of Agriculture; SB 278**

**SB 278** transfers all duties, powers, employees, and funding of the Board of Veterinary Examiners into the Division of Animal Health in the Kansas Department of Agriculture for a two-year period beginning on July 1, 2014. The bill suspends the statutory 10.0 percent revenue transfer from the Veterinary Examiners Fee Fund to the State General Fund for services provided by the Department of Administration for FY 2015 and FY 2016.

The Executive Director of the Board will be jointly appointed by the Board and the Animal Health Commissioner. The Board retains rules and regulations authority, and proposed rules and regulations would be formally proposed by the Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary is prohibited from adopting any rule or regulation without approval by the Board.