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Education Law

TITLE....Requires veterinarians to provide certain information to animal owners regarding the drugs dispensed to an animal

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Pichardo, Simon, Thiele
Add §6715, Ed L

Requires veterinarians to provide certain information to animal owners regarding the drugs dispensed to an animal, including the name and description of the drug; the directions for use; actions to be taken in the event of a missed dose; instructions for proper storage; any common reasonably anticipated adverse effects associated with the use of such drug; and manufacturer precautions and relevant warnings.

EFF. DATE 06/13/2023 (SEE TABLE)

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2022

CHAPTER 678

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring veterinarians to provide certain information to animal owners regarding the

drugs dispensed to an animal

Became a law December 15, 2022, with the approval of the Governor.
Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Buoy's law".

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6715 to read as follows:

§ 6715. Dispensing information to be provided by veterinarians. 1. Each time a veterinarian prescribes, dispenses, or provides a drug to an animal, the veterinarian shall provide to the owner of such animal, or his or her agent, the following information:

- (a) the name and description of the drug;**
- (b) directions for use, including, if applicable, any actions to be taken in the event of a missed dose;**
- (c) if available, manufacturer instructions for proper storage;**
- (d) any common reasonably anticipated adverse effects associated with the use of such drug; and**
- (e) if available, manufacturer precautions and relevant warnings.**

2. The provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivision one of this section shall only apply when the manufacturer has made available information for the specific animal species to which such drug is prescribed, dispensed or provided.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK **ss:**

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS
Temporary President of the Senate

CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker of the Assembly

EXPLANATION--Matter in **italics** is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)**

BILL NUMBER: A4978B

SPONSOR: Englebright

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the education law, in relation to requiring veterinarians to provide certain information to animal owners regarding the drugs dispensed to an animal

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

This legislation is designed to avoid uninformed administration of prescribed drugs to pets by owners that results in adverse effects including death. The proper communication of all relevant medical information about pet prescriptions is necessary for the safe and effective use of such drugs.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1. Short title.

Section 2. Amends the Education law adding a new section 6715 which provides that veterinarians shall provide information on drugs prescribed to pets including name, description, directions, actions in the event of missed dose, manufacture storage requirements, commonly associated adverse effects, and, if available, manufacturer storage requirements, precautions, and relevant warnings. This section also specifies that manufacturer information only apply when the manufacture has made available such information.

Section 3 Effective date.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ORIGINAL AND AMENDED VERSION (IF APPLICABLE):

Changed location of law from Ag to Ed and significant changes to structure of text and standards.

JUSTIFICATION:

This legislation enhances the standard of information required for an owner's informed administration of prescribed drugs to their pet. A lack of information in this regard has had disastrous consequences in the care of beloved animals.

Buoy was a young dog who died due to taking prescribed medication. His owner was uninformed of the potential side effects of this medication which caused his untimely death. Pet owners deserve to have a reasonable standard of required information regarding commonly associated adverse effects of drugs for their pets. This legislation will prevent similar tragedies from happening again by requiring veterinarians to provide, if

available, relevant knowledge for the safe and informed administration of medicine. Just as parents should make informed decisions about medications for their children, pet owners must be able to make informed decisions about medications for their pets' health and safety.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

2015-16 A9622 referred to higher education

2017-18 A4664 referred to higher education

2019-20 A6502A referred to higher education

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.