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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE

Introduced By: Senators Britto, Sosnowski, DiMario, Tikoian, Murray, Felag,
LaMountain, Lawson, DiPalma, and Gu
Date Introduced: March 07, 2025

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-25 of the General Laws entitled "Veterinary Practice" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 **5-25-7.2. Veterinarian drug consultation.**
- 4 (a) Each time a veterinarian initially prescribes, dispenses, or furnishes a drug to an animal
5 patient in an outpatient setting, the veterinarian shall offer to provide, verbally, in writing, or by
6 email to the client, a consultation that includes the following information:
- 7 (1) The name and description of the drug;
8 (2) Route of administration, dosage form, dosage, duration of drug therapy, the duration of
9 the effects of the drug, and the common severe adverse effects associated with the use of a short-
10 acting or long-acting drug;
- 11 (3) Any special directions for proper use and storage;
12 (4) Actions to be taken in the event of a missed dose; and
13 (5) If available, precautions and relevant warnings provided by the drug's manufacturer,
14 including common severe adverse effects of the drug.
- 15 (b) If available by drug manufacturer, a veterinarian must provide a client information sheet
16 to pet owners when prescribing medications.
- 17 (c) A veterinarian may delegate to a registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant
18 the task of providing consultation and drug documentation required by this section.
- 19 (d) It shall be noted in the medical record of the animal patient if the consultation described

1 [in this section is provided or declined by the client.](#)

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would require veterinarians to provide consultations to animal owners when a drug
2 is prescribed and dispensed for that animal patient.
3 This act would take effect on January 1, 2026.

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