

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to veterinary prescription disclosure;
3 creating s. 474.224, F.S.; requiring a veterinarian to
4 inform a client of the right to receive a written
5 prescription and to provide certain options to the
6 client regarding the filling of such prescription;
7 providing requirements therefor; providing exceptions;
8 providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 **Section 1. Section 474.224, Florida Statutes, is created**
13 **to read:**

14 474.224 Veterinary prescription disclosure.—

15 (1) (a) Before dispensing a prescription medication, a
16 licensed veterinarian must clearly inform a client of the
17 client's right to receive a written prescription for the
18 medication.

19 (b) The veterinarian, or an authorized member of the
20 veterinary staff, must provide the client with the option to
21 have the prescription filled at the veterinary clinic or to
22 obtain a written prescription that may be filled at a pharmacy
23 of the client's choice.

24 (c) Each disclosure required under this subsection shall
25 be made:

26 1. Verbally, if the consultation with the client is in
27 person; or

28 2. Electronically, if the consultation with the client is
29 through veterinary telehealth.

30 (d) The option chosen by the client under paragraph (b)
31 must be documented in the patient's medical record.

32 (2) This section does not apply if:

33 (a) Immediate dispensing of medication is necessary to
34 preserve life or prevent suffering; or

35 (b) The prescription is for a controlled substance, the
36 dispensing of which is restricted by federal or state law.

37 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.