

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 establishment or
 22 to obtain a written prescription that may be filled at a
 23 pharmacy 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.