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PICHARDO, SIMON, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on
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AN ACT establishing Buoy's law; to amend the agriculture and markets
law, in relation to requiring veterinarians to notify owners of poten-
tial risks and side effects of medication prior to prescribing or
otherwise providing medication to an animal

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Buoy's law".
2 S 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new
3 section 380 to read as follows:
4 S 380. NOTIFICATION BY VETERINARIAN OF RISKS AND SIDE EFFECTS OF MEDI-
5 CATION. 1. A VETERINARIAN WHO PRESCRIBES OR OTHERWISE PROVIDES MEDICA-
6 TION FOR AN ANIMAL SHALL NOTIFY THE OWNER OF THE ANIMAL VERBALLY AND IN
7 WRITING OF THE POTENTIAL RISKS AND SIDE EFFECTS OF SUCH MEDICATION PRIOR
8 TO PRESCRIBING OR PROVIDING MEDICATION.
9 2. IF A VETERINARIAN REPACKAGES PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION PRIOR TO
10 PRESCRIBING OR OTHERWISE PROVIDING SUCH MEDICATION, THE VETERINARIAN
11 SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE DRUG MANUFACTURER'S WARNING LABEL OR A
12 MANUFACTURER'S WARNING INFORMATION INSERT TO THE OWNER OF THE ANIMAL.
13 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
14 it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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