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Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT, SOLAGES, McDONALD -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BLAKE, COOK, GOTTFRIED, JEAN-PIERRE, PICHARDO, SIMON, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to establishing Buoy's law relating to requiring veterinarians to notify owners of potential 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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

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

§ 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 381 to read as follows:

§ 381. Notification by veterinarian of risks and side effects of medication. 1. Each time a veterinarian initially prescribes, dispenses, or provides a medication to an animal patient in an outpatient setting, the veterinarian shall offer to provide, in person or through electronic means, to the client responsible for the animal, or his or her agent, a consultation that includes the following information:

(a) The name and description of the medication;

(b) Route of administration, dosage form, dosage, duration of drug therapy, the duration of the effects of the drug, and the common severe adverse effects associated with the use of the drug;

(c) Any special directions for proper use and storage;

(d) Actions to be taken in the event of a missed dose; and

(e) If requested and where available, a veterinarian shall provide documentation of precautions and relevant warnings provided by the drug's manufacturer.

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

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2. The client, or an agent designated by the client, shall decide whether the consultation be provided in person or through electronic means.

3. It shall be noted in the medical record of the animal patient if the consultation described in this section is provided or declined by the client or his or her agent.

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