STATE OF NEW YORK

3959

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 21, 2019

Introduced by Sens. BROOKS, BOYLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Domestic Animal Welfare

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. A veterinarian who prescribes or otherwise provides medication for an animal shall notify the owner of the animal verbally and in writing of the potential risks and side effects of such medication prior to prescribing or providing medication.

2. If a veterinarian repackages prescription medication prior to prescribing or otherwise providing such medication, the veterinarian shall provide a copy of the drug manufacturer's warning label or a manufacturer's warning information insert to the owner of the animal.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after 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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