

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 11, 2021

Introduced by Sen. BROOKS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

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:

- 1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 "Buoy's law".
- 3 § 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new  
4 section 382 to read as follows:
- 5 § 382. Notification by veterinarian of risks and side effects of medi-  
6 cation. 1. Each time a veterinarian initially prescribes, dispenses, or  
7 provides a medication to an animal patient in an outpatient setting, the  
8 veterinarian shall offer to provide, in person or through electronic  
9 means, to the client responsible for the animal, or his or her agent, a  
10 consultation that includes the following information:
- 11 (a) The name and description of the medication;  
12 (b) Route of administration, dosage form, dosage, duration of drug  
13 therapy, the duration of the effects of the drug, and the common severe  
14 adverse effects associated with the use of the drug;  
15 (c) Any special directions for proper use and storage;  
16 (d) Actions to be taken in the event of a missed dose; and  
17 (e) If requested and where available, a veterinarian shall provide  
18 documentation of precautions and relevant warnings provided by the  
19 drug's manufacturer.
- 20 2. The client, or an agent designated by the client, shall decide  
21 whether the consultation be provided in person or through electronic  
22 means.

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

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

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