



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 580

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF VETERINARIANS WHEN
PRESCRIBING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) Prior to or
2 simultaneously with the direct dispensation of a drug to the owner of
3 an animal, a veterinarian shall undertake a review of any drug
4 dispensed to such owner by the veterinarian. The review shall include
5 screening for potential drug therapy problems due to therapeutic
6 duplication, a contraindication between a drug and a disease, the
7 interaction of one drug with another, incorrect drug dosage or
8 duration of drug treatment, the interaction of a drug and an allergy,
9 and any other significant clinical issues relating to the appropriate use
10 of drugs. Such review shall be based upon current standards.

11 (b) Prior to or simultaneously with the direct dispensation of a drug
12 to the owner of an animal, a veterinarian shall discuss with such owner
13 the drug to be dispensed and shall counsel the owner on the usage of
14 such drug. The discussion and counseling offered in accordance with
15 this subsection shall include information deemed significant by the
16 veterinarian based upon such veterinarian professional judgment and
17 the findings of the review conducted in accordance with subsection (a)
18 of this section, including (1) the name and description of the drug; (2)
19 dosage form, dosage, route of administration and duration of drug

20 therapy; (3) special directions and precautions for preparation,
21 administration and use by the owner of the animal; (4) common severe
22 side or adverse effects or interactions and therapeutic
23 contraindications or precautions that the veterinarian deems relevant;
24 (5) proper storage of the drug; (6) prescription refill information; and
25 (7) action to be taken in the event of a missed dose or adverse reaction.

26 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a
27 veterinarian to provide counseling and information when the owner of
28 the animal refuses such counseling and information.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*