1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to veterinary medicine; amending s.
3	474.202, F.S.; defining and redefining terms relating
4	to veterinary medical practice; amending s. 474.2165,
5	F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
6	act; reenacting s. 465.0276(5), F.S., relating to
7	dispensing practitioners to incorporate the amendment
8	made to s. 474.202, F.S., in a reference thereto;
9	providing an effective date.
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11	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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13	Section 1. Subsections (9) through (13) of section
14	474.202, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (10)
15	through (14), respectively, subsection (8) and present
16	subsection (12) are amended, and new subsection (9) is added to
17	that section, to read:
18	474.202 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:
19	(8) "Patient" means any animal, or any herd, collection,
20	or group of animals, for which the veterinarian practices
21	veterinary medicine.
22	(9) "Physical examination" means the evaluation of a
23	patient by personal inspection, palpation, and auscultation.
24	(13) (12) "Veterinarian/client/patient relationship" means
25	a relationship <u>in which</u> <del>where</del> the veterinarian has <u>performed a</u>
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26 physical examination of the patient or made timely and medically 27 appropriate visits to the premises where the patient is kept and 28 the veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making 29 medical judgments regarding the health of the patient animal and its need for medical treatment or the veterinarian has access to 30 31 the patient's records and has been designated by a veterinarian 32 with whom the patient had a prior relationship to provide 33 reasonable and appropriate medical care.

34 Section 2. Subsections (1) and (3) and paragraph (a) of 35 subsection (4) of section 474.2165, Florida Statutes, are 36 amended to read:

37 474.2165 Ownership and control of veterinary medical
38 patient records; report or copies of records to be furnished.-

39 (1) As used in this section, the term "records owner" means a any veterinarian who generates a medical record after 40 performing making a physical examination of, or administering 41 42 treatment or dispensing legend drugs to, a any patient; a any 43 veterinarian to whom records are transferred by a previous 44 records owner; or a any veterinarian's employer, provided the 45 employment contract or agreement between the employer and the 46 veterinarian designates the employer as the records owner.

47 (3) Any records owner licensed under this chapter who
48 <u>performs a physical</u> makes an examination of, or administers
49 treatment or dispenses legend drugs to, <u>a</u> any patient shall,
50 upon request of the client or the client's legal representative,

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51 <u>timely</u> furnish, in a timely manner, without delays for legal 52 review, copies of all reports and records relating to such 53 <u>physical</u> examination or treatment, including X rays. The 54 furnishing of such report or copies <u>may</u> shall not be conditioned 55 upon payment of a fee for services rendered.

56 Except as otherwise provided in this section, such (4) 57 records may not be furnished to, and the medical condition of a 58 patient may not be discussed with, any person other than the 59 client or the client's legal representative or other 60 veterinarians involved in the care or treatment of the patient, except upon written authorization of the client. However, such 61 62 records may be furnished without written authorization under the 63 following circumstances:

(a) To any person, firm, or corporation that has procured
or furnished such <u>physical</u> examination or treatment with the
client's consent.

67 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 68 made by this act to section 474.202, Florida Statutes, in a 69 reference thereto, subsection (5) of section 465.0276, Florida 70 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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465.0276 Dispensing practitioner.-

(5) This chapter and the rules adopted thereunder do not prohibit a veterinarian licensed under chapter 474 from administering a compounded drug to a patient, as defined in s. 474.202, or dispensing a compounded drug to the patient's owner

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76	or	caretaker.	This	subsection	does	not	affect	the	regulation	of
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- 77 the practice of pharmacy as set forth in this chapter.
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Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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