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 2 An act relating to veterinary prescription disclosure;
 3 creating s. 474.224, F.S.; requiring a veterinarian to
 4 inform a client of the right to receive a written
 5 prescription or the option to have the prescription
 6 filled at the veterinary establishment; specifies
 7 certain transmission methods for "written
 8 prescriptions"; requires the disclosure to include an
 9 acknowledgement signed by the client; requires the
 10 acknowledgement to include certain information;
 11 prohibiting certain statements, notifications,
 12 warnings, or assumptions; requiring posting of certain
 13 information; providing requirements therefor;
 14 providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

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 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 18 Section 1. Section 474.224, Florida Statutes, is created
 19 to read:

20 474.224 Veterinary prescription disclosure.—

21 (1) (a) Before dispensing a prescription medication, a
 22 licensed veterinarian or an authorized member of the veterinary
 23 staff must clearly inform a client of:

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24 1. The client's right to receive a written prescription
 25 for the medication that can be filled at the pharmacy of the
 26 client's choice.

27 2. If the veterinary establishment is able to fill the
 28 prescription, the option to have the prescription filled at the
 29 veterinary establishment.

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 31 For purposes of this chapter, "written prescription" may include
 32 paper prescriptions via manual transmission or electronic
 33 prescriptions via direct transmission to a pharmacy.

34 (b) Each disclosure required under this subsection shall
 35 be made:

36 1. Verbally, if the consultation with the client is in
 37 person; or

38 2. Electronically, if the consultation with the client is
 39 through veterinary telehealth.

40 (c) The option chosen by the client under paragraph (a)
 41 must be documented by the veterinarian or an authorized member
 42 of the veterinary staff with a one-time acknowledgement that is
 43 signed by the client and that states that the client is aware of
 44 the options in paragraph (a).

45 1. The acknowledgement must be in substantially the
 46 following form:

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48 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ABILITY TO

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49 RECEIVE WRITTEN PRESCRIPTION
 50 "I, (name of client), understand the veterinary client's
 51 right to receive a written prescription for the medication
 52 that can be filled by the pharmacy of my choice or my
 53 veterinarian, as provided in s. 474.224, Florida Statutes."

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 55 Signature: (signature of applicant) Date:
 56 (date)

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 58 2. An acknowledgment signed by a client under this section
 59 shall be documented in the patient's medical record.

60 3. An acknowledgement under this section may not make a
 61 statement, notification, warning, or assumption regarding the
 62 efficacy or safety of filling prescriptions through an outside
 63 pharmacy.

64 (d) A veterinary establishment shall post a clear and
 65 conspicuous sign near the point of sale or where checkout occurs
 66 which substantially states the following:

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 68 "FLORIDA LAW GIVES THE VETERINARY CLIENT THE OPTION TO:
 69 1. RECEIVE A WRITTEN PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION THAT CAN
 70 BE FILLED AT THE PHARMACY OF YOUR CHOICE; OR
 71 2. HAVE YOUR PRESCRIPTION FILLED AT THE VETERINARY
 72 ESTABLISHMENT, IF THE VETERINARY ESTABLISHMENT IS ABLE TO
 73 FILL THE PRESCRIPTION."

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(2) This section does not apply if:

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(a) Immediate dispensing of medication is necessary to
preserve life or prevent suffering; or

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(b) The prescription is for a controlled substance, the
dispensing of which is restricted by federal or state law.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.