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SYNOPSIS

Requires publication of prices of standard and emergency services provided by veterinarians.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning veterinarian services and supplementing
2 Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. An animal or veterinary facility, as defined pursuant to
8 section 1 of P.L.1983, c.98 (C.45:16-1.1), in the State shall post the
9 prices charged for standard and emergency services in a
10 conspicuous location for consumers. A facility shall also:

11 (1) post the prices on the Internet website associated with the
12 facility; and

13 (2) make available in the facility hard copies listing the prices.
14 The facility shall also post, in a clear and conspicuous manner and
15 in legible font, that hard copies of the list of the prices are available
16 in the facility.

17 b. As used in this section:

18 “Emergency service” means a health care service that is
19 provided, and is immediate and unscheduled, to evaluate or treat a
20 medical condition of any animal, including poultry or fish.

21 “Standard services” means the health care services and
22 examinations provided to determine the general health and wellness
23 of any animal, including poultry or fish, and is a scheduled, non-
24 emergency service.

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26 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
27 next after enactment.

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30 STATEMENT

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32 This bill requires an animal and veterinary facility to post the
33 prices charged for standard and emergency services provided by the
34 facility both on an Internet website and in hard copies in the
35 facility. A facility is required to post, in a conspicuous and clear
36 manner, in the facility itself that hard copies of the list of prices are
37 available for review.