

HOUSE BILL No. 1230

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-38.1-4-5.

Synopsis: Veterinarians. Requires a person, who is not the owner or caretaker of a domesticated animal, to have a prescription before administering a veterinary prescription product.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-38.1-4-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008,
2 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5. (a) A licensed veterinarian may write
4 prescriptions. Pharmacists shall give the prescriptions written by a
5 licensed veterinarian the same recognition given the prescriptions of
6 persons holding an unlimited license to practice medicine or
7 osteopathic medicine.
8 (b) A valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship must exist before
9 a licensed veterinarian dispenses or prescribes a prescription product.
10 (c) Veterinary prescription products, including drugs and
11 immunizing products restricted by state and federal law for use by
12 licensed veterinarians, may not be diverted or transferred to an
13 individual for use on an animal if there is not a current
14 veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the original prescribing
15 veterinarian.



1 (d) If a veterinarian prescribes a drug for the client's animal, upon
2 request, the veterinarian shall provide the prescription to the client,
3 unless prohibited by state or federal law or to prevent inappropriate
4 use.

5 (e) **This subsection does not apply to the use of a veterinary
6 prescription product on:**

7 (1) **livestock (as defined by IC 15-11-5-1); or**

8 (2) **a domesticated animal, including a domesticated animal
9 normally maintained in or near an owner's home, by the
10 animal's owner or a person who cares for the animal.**

11 **Before a person may administer a veterinary prescription product,
12 including an antibiotic or immunization product, on a dog, cat, or
13 other domesticated animal, the person shall obtain a prescription
14 for the veterinary prescription product from a licensed
15 veterinarian.**

