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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring veterinarians to provide information on adverse events associated with an animal drug on the container of such drug

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The chapter heading of chapter 8 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 7 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8

ANIMAL CARE, SHELTERS, STERILIZATION[,] AND LICENSING

- § 2. Chapter 8 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-820 to read as follows:
- § 17-820 Animal drugs; labels. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Adverse event. The term "adverse event" means any undesirable medical occurrence associated with the use of a drug in an animal where such association is listed on the federal food and drug administration online label repository or other online resource for animal drug information made available by the federal food and drug administration.

Companion animal. The term "companion animal" means any dog or cat, and also means any other domesticated animal normally maintained in or near the household of the owner or person who cares for such other domesticated animal. "Companion animal" does not include a farm animal as defined in section 350 of

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the agriculture and markets law.

Veterinarian. The term "veterinarian" means a veterinarian licensed by the state of New York pursuant to section 6704 of the education law who provides veterinary services to companion animals pursuant to a contract with the city.

b. Where a veterinarian prescribes a drug for a companion animal pursuant to a contract with the city, the veterinarian shall write or print any adverse events associated with such drug on the label of the drug's immediate container to be provided to the end user, except that if there is inadequate space on the immediate container, the veterinarian may provide such information in a separate document that accompanies such drug.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law.

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