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LEGISLATIVE BILL 252

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Veterinary Drug Distribution Licensing
- 2 Act; to amend section 71-8901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;
- 3 to provide for refills pursuant to certain veterinary drug orders as
- 4 prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
- 5 section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 71-8901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 71-8901 Sections 71-8901 to 71-8929 and section 2 of this act shall
- 4 be known and may be cited as the Veterinary Drug Distribution Licensing
- 5 Act.
- 6 Sec. 2. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
- 7 veterinary drug distributor may refill and distribute a veterinary legend
- 8 drug pursuant to a veterinary drug order issued on or after the effective
- 9 date of this act by a veterinarian licensed in this state pursuant to a
- 10 bona fide veterinarian-client-patient relationship without the
- 11 prescriber's authorization if the prescriber is deceased and continuation
- 12 of the veterinary legend drug is necessary for the animal's health,
- 13 <u>safety</u>, and welfare.
- 14 (2) A refill under this section shall be limited in quantity to the
- 15 amount sufficient to maintain the animal's health, safety, and welfare
- 16 until a bona fide veterinarian-client-patient relationship can be
- 17 <u>established with a licensed veterinarian, but in no event shall the</u>
- 18 <u>quantity exceed a thirty-day supply.</u>
- 19 (3) If a licensed veterinarian indicates on a veterinary drug order
- 20 <u>that no emergency refills are authorized, a veterinary drug distributor</u>
- 21 shall not dispense under this section pursuant to that veterinary drug
- 22 order.
- 23 (4) This section does not apply to controlled substances.
- 24 (5) A veterinary drug distributor shall not be required to refill
- 25 any veterinary drug order under this section and shall not be liable for
- 26 <u>any damages resulting from refilling a veterinary drug order issued by a</u>
- 27 <u>licensed veterinarian under this section unless such damages are a result</u>
- 28 of the gross negligence of the veterinary drug distributor.
- 29 Sec. 3. Original section 71-8901, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 30 Nebraska, is repealed.