COMMITTEE REPORT

March 24, 2016

**S. 980**

Introduced by Senators Sheheen and McElveen

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 980) to amend Chapter 69, Title 40 of the 1976 Code, relating to veterinarians, by adding Section 40‑69‑305 to require all prescription drugs dispensed to an animal’s, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

DANIEL B. VERDIN III for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 69, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VETERINARIANS, BY ADDING SECTION 40‑69‑305 TO REQUIRE ALL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DISPENSED TO AN ANIMAL’S OWNER TO BE LABELED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THIS SECTION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 69, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 40‑69‑305. (A) The dispensing of a prescription drug to the owner of an end user for the treatment of a bodily injury or disease of an animal shall be unlawful, unless labeled with all information required by state and federal law and prescribed by a veterinarian licensed under this chapter.

(B) A person who violates the provisions of subsection (A) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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