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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**VETERINARY PROFESSION (CLEAR AND TIMELY PRICE
DISCLOSURE) AMENDMENT ACT, 2016**

CORTES-VARGAS

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2016)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Amends RSA 2000 cV-2

1 The *Veterinary Profession Act* is amended by this Act.

2 The following is added after section 14.1:

Requirement for bylaw respecting disclosure of pricing

14.2(1) In this section,

- (a) “designated animal” means a dog or a cat;
- (b) “designated service” means
 - (i) routine physical examination,
 - (ii) vaccination,
 - (iii) castration,
 - (iv) microchipping, and
 - (v) euthanasia.

Explanatory Notes

- 1** Amends chapter V-2 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.
- 2** New section regarding requirement for bylaw respecting disclosure of pricing.

- (2) The Council shall establish and continuously maintain standards by bylaw that, at minimum,
- (a) require every registered member and permit holder to disclose to each client all fees and charges that the client is likely to incur in exchange for a designated service from the registered member or permit holder with respect to a designated animal, except when the designated service is reasonably required in urgent or unexpected circumstances;
 - (b) require the disclosure under clause (a) to be made to the client in a clear and understandable manner and in writing before the designated service is provided; and
 - (c) prohibit every registered member and permit holder from charging a client a fee or charge in excess of the disclosed fees and charges under clause (a), except when the excess fee or charge is for a designated service that the registered member or permit holder could not have reasonably foreseen when the disclosure of fees and charges under clause (a) was made.
- (3) The standards by bylaw required under subsection (2) shall not be subject to the approval procedure set out in section 14(3).
- (4) The Council may establish standards by bylaw with respect to price disclosure in addition to the minimum standards required under subsection (2), and such additional standards shall not come into force unless approved in accordance with the procedure set out in section 14(3).
- (5) The *Regulations Act* does not apply to a bylaw of the Association made under this section.

3 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.

3 Coming into force.

