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No. 781

S.P. 216

In Senate, February 13, 2001

An Act to Require Veterinary Clinics to Fully Disclose Their After-hours Staffing Policies.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne and
Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: CLOUGH
of Scarborough, DORR of Camden.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §4875** is enacted to read:

6 **§4875. Notice of staffing policies**

8 A person engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine who
10 maintains a facility where veterinary medicine is practiced and
12 animals are kept overnight shall provide a written notice
14 indicating after-hours staffing policies for the facility,
16 including the staffing levels and hours, to any person
18 responsible for an animal and who is releasing the animal to the
20 facility.

22 A person who fails to comply with the requirements of this
24 section is subject to discipline by the board.

SUMMARY

26 This bill requires a veterinarian who maintains a facility
28 to practice veterinary medicine to provide written notice to a
30 pet owner when an animal is released to the facility indicating
32 the after-hours staffing policies of the facility, including
34 staffing levels and hours.