

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1224**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John W. Scibak*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to expanding veterinary treatment practices.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1224) of John W. Scibak, Jason M. Lewis and Mark J. Cusack relative to the dispensing of certain drugs by veterinarians. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2061 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to expanding veterinary treatment practices.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 54A of Chapter 112 is hereby amended by adding after the  
2 definition of “Board” the following new definition:-

3 ““Companion Animal”, any domesticated animal other than man including fowl, birds,  
4 fish or reptiles, except those animals intended for consumption or whose products are intended  
5 for consumption by humans or any other animals.”

6 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any Massachusetts general law to the contrary, Chapter  
7 112 is hereby amended by adding, after Section 39J, the following section:-

8 Section 39K. (a) A veterinarian shall be authorized to dispense a compounded drug,  
9 distributed from a pharmacy, when the animal is his own patient within a valid VCPR; the

10 animal is an animal companion; the quantity dispensed is no more than a 120 hour supply; the  
11 compounded drug is for the treatment of an emergency condition; and timely access to a  
12 compounding pharmacy is not available, as determined by the prescribing veterinarian.

13 (b) A veterinarian shall be able to compound for individual patients within a valid VPCR  
14 and upon meeting subsection (a), provided further the veterinarian does not compound from bulk  
15 supplies; does not duplicate proprietary products: does not wholesale clinic-compounded  
16 medications; and does not compound federally controlled substances for dispensing.

17 (c) No manufacturing license shall be required for compounding materials when these  
18 conditions are met. A veterinarian shall be held responsible for the safety and efficacy of the  
19 compounded medication.

20 (d) Pharmacists shall label all compounded products for companion animals and  
21 distributed to a veterinarian for either further distribution or sale to his own patient or  
22 administration to his own patient with the name and strength of the compounded medication or  
23 list of the active ingredients and strengths; the facility's control number; an appropriate beyond-  
24 use date as determined by the pharmacist in compliance with USP-NF standards for pharmacy  
25 compounding; the name and address of the pharmacy; and the quantity.