An Act To Amend the Procedures for Veterinarians in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §4878, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2017, c. 360, §9, is further amended to read:

2. **Electronic prescribing.** A veterinarian licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice includes prescribing a benzodiazepine or an opioid medication and who has the capability to electronically prescribe shall prescribe all benzodiazepine or opioid medication electronically by July 1, 2022 2025 or when an electronic platform for prescribing is widely available for veterinarians if that occurs before July 1, 2022 2025 as determined by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. A veterinarian licensed under this chapter unable to comply with the electronic prescribing requirements of this subsection may request a waiver from the Commissioner of Health and Human Services for circumstances in which exceptions are appropriate as determined by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services.