

Regarding Page 25, Section 23, Line 25. This should likely end with “and” such that 2a, 2b, and 2c are all required. Additionally, line 26 should provide an exception for when the client is not physically able to reach the prescribing veterinarian. Examples include travelling across the state, being physically disabled or home bound, etc.

20 **SECTION 23. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 43-29-19 of the North Dakota
21 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
22 2. Other than a controlled substance, a ~~licensed~~ veterinarian may dispense a veterinary
23 prescription drug without establishing a veterinarian-client-patient relationship if:
24 a. The drug is prescribed by a ~~licensed~~-veterinarian or by a veterinarian licensed in
25 another jurisdiction who has established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship; **and**
26 b. The prescribing veterinarian has an inadequate supply of the drug, failure to
27 dispense the drug would interrupt a therapeutic regimen, or failure to dispense
28 the drug would cause an animal to suffer; and
29 c. The dispensing veterinarian verifies the prescription with the prescribing
30 veterinarian.

Regarding Page 6, Section 2...

4 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 43-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:
6 **Requirements of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.**

And specifically lines 24-27. This section fails to provide legally-required exceptions to the ‘reasonable amount of time’ requirement. For example, when a client assaults, threatens, or takes other hostile action against the veterinarian, staff or the facility, which then results in the client being legally trespassed from the property (typically -- **but not always** -- with the engagement of police), then the veterinarian cannot legally provide any continuity of care. A proper wording of this section would follow line 27 with some legal exceptions.

24 8. The veterinarian shall refer the patient to another veterinarian for diagnosis, **care**, and
25 treatment if the veterinarian-client-patient relationship has been terminated and an
26 ongoing medical or surgical condition exists. The veterinarian must allow the client a
27 reasonable amount of time to arrange **care** with another veterinarian.