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SYNOPSIS

Allows pharmacies to make self-administered hormonal contraceptives available over the counter.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning contraceptives and supplementing P.L.2003,
2 c.280 (C.45:14-40 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a
8 pharmacist may furnish self-administered hormonal contraceptives
9 in accordance with rules and regulations that shall be developed and
10 adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy in consultation
11 with the State Board of Medical Examiners, and with consideration
12 given to the guidelines established by the American Congress of
13 Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

14 b. The New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules
15 and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
16 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to establish standard
17 procedures for the furnishing of self-administered hormonal
18 contraceptives by pharmacists. The procedures shall include:

19 (1) a description of the types of contraceptives that shall be
20 defined to be self-administered hormonal contraceptives;

21 (2) a requirement that in order to receive a self-administered
22 hormonal contraceptive, the patient shall use a self-screening tool
23 that identifies patient risk factors for the use of self-administered
24 hormonal contraceptives, based on the current United States
25 Medical Eligibility Criteria (US MEC) for Contraceptive Use
26 developed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and
27 Prevention; and

28 (3) a requirement that upon furnishing a self-administered
29 hormonal contraceptive, the pharmacist shall refer the patient to the
30 patient's primary care provider or to an appropriate medical clinic.

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32 2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of
33 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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39 hormonal contraceptives in accordance with rules and regulations
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