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SYNOPSIS

Requires prescription opioid medications include warning sticker advising patients of risk of addiction and overdose.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on March 18, 2019, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT concerning prescription medications and amending
2 P.L.1970, c.226.

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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. Section 17 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-17) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 17. Form of label to be used by pharmacists; altering or
10 removing label. Whenever a pharmacist sells or dispenses any
11 controlled dangerous substance on a prescription issued by a
12 practitioner, **[he]** the pharmacist shall affix to the container in
13 which such drug is sold or dispensed, a label showing **[his]** the
14 pharmacist's own name, address, and registry number, or the name,
15 address, and registry number of the pharmacist or pharmacy owner
16 for whom **[he]** the pharmacist is lawfully acting; the name of the
17 patient or, if the patient is an animal, the name of the owner of the
18 animal and the species of the animal; the name of the practitioner
19 by whom the prescription was issued; the brand name or generic
20 name of the drug dispensed unless the prescriber states otherwise on
21 the prescription, such directions as may be stated on the
22 prescription and such directions as may be required by rules or
23 regulations promulgated by the director. In addition, whenever a
24 pharmacist¹, other than a pharmacist dispensing medication in an
25 institutional pharmacy, as that term is defined in N.J.A.C.13:39-
26 9.2,¹ dispenses an opioid medication on a prescription issued by a
27 practitioner, the pharmacist shall affix to the container in which
28 such opioid medication is sold or dispensed a warning¹ label or¹
29 sticker describing the risks associated with opioid medications. The
30 [director, in consultation with the Department of Health,] New
31 Jersey State Board of Pharmacy¹ shall specify by rule or regulation
32 the location on the medication container where the warning¹ label
33 or¹ sticker shall be affixed¹, the font and format of any language to
34 be included on the warning label or sticker,¹ and the specific
35 language to be included on the warning¹ label or¹ sticker, which, at
36 a minimum, shall indicate that the medication in the container is an
37 opioid and that opioid medications carry a risk of addiction and
38 overdose. Unless otherwise provided by rules or regulations
39 promulgated by the¹ [director] New Jersey State Board of
40 Pharmacy¹, the¹ label or¹ sticker shall be red in color with¹ the¹
41 text printed in¹ [a white font large enough to be easily and clearly
42 readable] black¹.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 18, 2019.

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1 No person shall alter, deface, or remove any label or sticker so
2 affixed as long as any of the original contents remain.

3 (cf: P.L.2007, c.244, s.15)

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5 2. This act shall take effect ¹on¹ the first day of the ¹**[fourth]**
6 seventh¹ month next following the date of enactment.