

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MANNION -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the education law, in relation to requiring prescriptions to include a quick response code containing certain information

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 3302 of the public health law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 42 to read as follows:

3 42. "Quick response code" means a machine-readable optical label that
4 can be scanned and interpreted for supplemental information about a
5 prescription to which it is attached.

6 § 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3336 to
7 read as follows:

8 § 3336. Supplemental quick response code. 1. The commissioner, in
9 conjunction with the commissioner of the department of education, shall
10 develop a quick response code to be included with a label affixed to a
11 prescription administered and dispensed by a practitioner pursuant to
12 section thirty-three hundred thirty-one of this title or dispensed by a
13 licensed pharmacist pursuant to section thirty-three hundred thirty-
14 three of this title to assist interpretation of such prescription by the
15 elderly, which for purposes of this section mean persons fifty-five
16 years of age or older, and individuals with a developmental disability,
17 as such term is defined pursuant to subdivision twenty-two of section
18 1.03 of the mental hygiene law. Such quick response code shall include:

19 (a) the name and address of the ultimate user for whom the substance
20 is intended, or if intended for use upon an animal, the species of such
21 animal and the name and address of the owner or person in custody of
22 such animal;

23 (b) the name, address, and telephone number of the dispensing practi-
24 tioner and/or pharmacy from which such substance is dispensed;

25 (c) the date the substance was compounded;

26 (d) specific directions for use, including but not limited to the
27 dosage and frequency of dosage, and the maximum daily dosage, as given
28 upon the prescription;

29 (e) the name of the prescribing dispensing practitioner and/or pharma-
30 cy;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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(f) the legend, prominently displayed in either boldface or upper-case lettering: "CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, DANGEROUS UNLESS USED AS DIRECTED";

(g) the date of dispensing;

(h) either the name of the substance or such code number assigned by the department for the particular substance pursuant to section thirty-three hundred eighteen of this article;

(i) the number of the prescription under which it is recorded in the pharmacist's prescription file; and

(j) any other information as deemed necessary by the commissioner.

2. A quick response code shall be considered supplemental information for the ultimate user and shall not be considered an official New York state prescription or electronic prescription for scheduled substances.

3. The inclusion of a quick response code shall not obviate any other requirement of this article. Additionally, a quick response code shall incorporate standardized patient-centered data elements, when feasible, pursuant to section sixty-eight hundred thirty of the education law.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 6810 of the education law, as amended by section 2 of part V of chapter 57 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

1. No drug for which a prescription is required by the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act or by the commissioner of health shall be distributed or dispensed to any person except upon a prescription written by a person legally authorized to issue such prescription. Such drug shall be compounded or dispensed by a licensed pharmacist, and no such drug shall be dispensed without affixing to the immediate container in which the drug is sold or dispensed a label bearing the name and address of the owner of the establishment in which it was dispensed, the date compounded, the number of the prescription under which it is recorded in the pharmacist's prescription files, the name of the prescriber, the name and address of the patient, and the directions for the use of the drug by the patient as given upon the prescription. All labels shall conform to such rules and regulations as promulgated by the commissioner pursuant to section sixty-eight hundred twenty-nine of this article. All labels shall conform to such rules and regulations as promulgated by the commissioner of education, in conjunction with the commissioner of the department of health, pursuant to section thirty-three hundred thirty-six of the public health law; provided, however, that conformity with such rules and regulations shall not fulfill a requirement under section sixty-eight hundred twenty-nine of this article. The prescribing and dispensing of a drug which is a controlled substance shall be subject to additional requirements provided in article thirty-three of the public health law. The words "drug" and "prescription required drug" within the meaning of this article shall not be construed to include soft or hard contact lenses, eyeglasses, or any other device for the aid or correction of vision. Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent a pharmacy from furnishing a drug to another pharmacy which does not have such drug in stock for the purpose of filling a prescription.

§ 4. Subdivision 2 of section 6829 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

(d) The services required by this section shall not be provided for the requirements of section thirty-three hundred thirty-six of the public health law.

§ 5. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.