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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Koon) --
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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing under the
direction of the state board of pharmacy a drug repository program to
accept and dispense donated prescription drugs

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6829
2 to read as follows:

3 S 6829. REPOSITORY PROGRAM; ACCEPT AND DISPENSE DONATED PRESCRIPTION
4 DRUGS. 1. AS USED IN THIS SECTION: A. "HOSPITAL" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS
5 IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC
6 HEALTH LAW.

7 B. "NONPROFIT CLINIC" MEANS A CORPORATION AS DEFINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH
8 FIVE OF PARAGRAPH (A) OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWO OF THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT
9 CORPORATION LAW, OR ANY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION NOT ORGANIZED AND NOT
10 OPERATED FOR PROFIT, THAT PROVIDES HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO INDIGENT AND
11 UNINSURED PERSONS. "NONPROFIT CLINIC" SHALL NOT INCLUDE A HOSPITAL OR A
12 FACILITY AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED
13 ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW.

14 C. "PRESCRIPTION DRUG" MEANS ANY DRUG TO WHICH THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

15 (1) UNDER THE FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT, 52 STAT. 1040 (1938), 21
16 U.S.C.A. 301, AS AMENDED, THE DRUG IS REQUIRED TO BEAR A LABEL CONTAIN-
17 ING THE LEGEND, "CAUTION: FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS DISPENSING WITHOUT
18 PRESCRIPTION" OR "CAUTION: FEDERAL LAW RESTRICTS THIS DRUG TO USE BY OR
19 ON THE ORDER OF A LICENSED VETERINARIAN" OR ANY SIMILAR RESTRICTIVE
20 STATEMENT, OR THE DRUG MAY BE DISPENSED ONLY UPON A PRESCRIPTION.

21 (2) UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE DRUG MAY BE DISPENSED ONLY UPON A
22 PRESCRIPTION.

23 2. THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY SHALL ESTABLISH A DRUG REPOSITORY
24 PROGRAM TO ACCEPT AND DISPENSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DONATED FOR THE
25 PURPOSE OF BEING DISPENSED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THIS
26 STATE AND MEET ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED IN RULES AND REGU-
27 LATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD UNDER SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION.

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

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1 ONLY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN THEIR ORIGINAL SEALED AND TAMPER-EVIDENT UNIT
2 DOSE PACKAGING SHALL BE ACCEPTED AND DISPENSED. THE PACKAGING SHALL BE
3 UNOPENED, EXCEPT THAT DRUGS PACKAGED IN SINGLE UNIT DOSES SHALL BE
4 ACCEPTED AND DISPENSED WHEN THE OUTSIDE PACKAGING IS OPENED IF THE
5 SINGLE UNIT DOSE PACKAGING IS UNDISTURBED. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DONATED BY
6 INDIVIDUALS BEARING AN EXPIRATION DATE THAT IS LESS THAN SIX MONTHS FROM
7 THE DATE THE DRUG IS DONATED SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR DISPENSED. A
8 PRESCRIPTION DRUG SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR DISPENSED IF THERE IS REASON
9 TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS ADULTERATED AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION SIXTY-EIGHT
10 HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS ARTICLE. SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION SPECIFIED IN
11 THIS SUBDIVISION, UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DISPENSED FOR PURPOSES OF
12 THE MEDICAID PROGRAM MAY BE ACCEPTED AND DISPENSED UNDER THE DRUG REPOS-
13 ITORY PROGRAM.

14 3. A. ANY PERSON, INCLUDING A DRUG MANUFACTURER OR ANY HEALTH CARE
15 FACILITY MAY DONATE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO THE DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM.
16 THE DRUGS SHALL BE DONATED AT A PHARMACY, HOSPITAL OR NONPROFIT CLINIC
17 THAT ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM AND MEETS
18 CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN RULES AND REGU-
19 LATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY UNDER SUBDIVISION FIVE OF
20 THIS SECTION. PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM BY PHARMACIES, HOSPITALS AND
21 NONPROFIT CLINICS IS VOLUNTARY. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES A PHAR-
22 MACY, HOSPITAL OR NONPROFIT CLINIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

23 B. A PHARMACY, HOSPITAL OR NONPROFIT CLINIC ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
24 THE PROGRAM SHALL DISPENSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DONATED UNDER THIS SECTION
25 TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE AND MEET THE ELIGIBILITY
26 STANDARDS ESTABLISHED IN RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
27 UNDER SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION OR TO OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
28 AND NONPROFIT PRIVATE ENTITIES TO BE DISPENSED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET
29 THE ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS. A PRESCRIPTION DRUG SHALL BE DISPENSED ONLY
30 PURSUANT TO A PRESCRIPTION ISSUED BY A LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
31 AUTHORIZED TO PRESCRIBE DRUGS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION SIXTY-EIGHT HUNDRED
32 TWO OF THIS ARTICLE. A PHARMACY, HOSPITAL OR NONPROFIT CLINIC THAT
33 ACCEPTS DONATED DRUGS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAWS AND
34 LAWS OF THIS STATE DEALING WITH STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF DANGEROUS
35 DRUGS AND SHALL INSPECT ALL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PRIOR TO DISPENSING THEM
36 TO DETERMINE THAT SUCH DRUGS ARE NOT ADULTERATED. THE PHARMACY, HOSPITAL
37 OR NONPROFIT CLINIC SHALL CHARGE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING DONATED
38 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS A HANDLING FEE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES
39 AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD UNDER SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS
40 SECTION. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DONATED TO THE REPOSITORY SHALL NOT BE
41 RESOLD.

42 4. A. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL" MEANS ANY OF
43 THE FOLLOWING WHO PROVIDE MEDICAL, DENTAL OR OTHER HEALTH-RELATED DIAG-
44 NOSIS, CARE OR TREATMENT:

45 (1) INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS TITLE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND
46 SURGERY OR PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY;

47 (2) REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES
48 LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE OF THIS TITLE;

49 (3) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE UNDER ARTICLE ONE
50 HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE-B OF THIS TITLE;

51 (4) DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED
52 THIRTY-THREE OF THIS TITLE;

53 (5) OPTOMETRISTS LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE OF
54 THIS TITLE;

55 (6) PHARMACISTS LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

1 B. THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY; THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH; ANY
2 PERSON, INCLUDING A DRUG MANUFACTURER OR GOVERNMENT ENTITY THAT DONATES
3 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO THE REPOSITORY PROGRAM; ANY PHARMACY, HOSPITAL,
4 NONPROFIT CLINIC OR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL THAT ACCEPTS OR DISPENSES
5 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND ANY PHARMACY, HOSPITAL OR
6 NONPROFIT CLINIC THAT EMPLOYS A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO, REASONABLY
7 AND IN GOOD FAITH, ACCEPTS OR DISPENSES PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER THE
8 PROGRAM SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOR MATTERS RELATED
9 TO DONATING, ACCEPTING OR DISPENSING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER THE
10 PROGRAM: CRIMINAL PROSECUTION; LIABILITY IN TORT OR OTHER CIVIL ACTION
11 FOR INJURY, DEATH OR LOSS TO PERSON OR PROPERTY; OR PROFESSIONAL DISCI-
12 PLINARY ACTION.

13 A DRUG MANUFACTURER, WHO ACTS REASONABLY AND IN GOOD FAITH, SHALL NOT
14 BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OR LIABILITY IN TORT OR OTHER CIVIL
15 ACTION FOR INJURY, DEATH OR LOSS TO PERSON OR PROPERTY FOR MATTERS
16 RELATED TO THE DONATION, ACCEPTANCE OR DISPENSING OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG
17 MANUFACTURED BY THE DRUG MANUFACTURER THAT IS DONATED BY ANY PERSON
18 UNDER THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LIABILITY FOR FAILURE TO
19 TRANSFER OR COMMUNICATE PRODUCT OR CONSUMER INFORMATION OR THE EXPIRA-
20 TION DATE OF THE DONATED PRESCRIPTION DRUG.

21 5. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, THE STATE BOARD OF
22 PHARMACY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DRUG REPOSITORY
23 PROGRAM THAT ESTABLISH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

24 A. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PHARMACIES, HOSPITALS AND NONPROFIT CLIN-
25 ICS TO RECEIVE AND DISPENSE DONATED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER THE
26 PROGRAM;

27 B. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR ACCEPTING, SAFELY STORING AND DISPENS-
28 ING DONATED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS;

29 C. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTING DONATED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
30 TO DETERMINE THAT THE ORIGINAL UNIT DOSE PACKAGING IS SEALED AND
31 TAMPER-EVIDENT AND THAT THE DRUGS ARE UNADULTERATED, SAFE AND SUITABLE
32 FOR DISPENSING;

33 D. ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS BASED ON ECONOMIC NEED FOR INDIVIDUALS TO
34 RECEIVE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS;

35 E. A MEANS, SUCH AS AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, BY WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
36 IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE DONATED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SHALL DEMONSTRATE
37 ELIGIBILITY TO THE PHARMACY, HOSPITAL OR NONPROFIT CLINIC DISPENSING THE
38 DRUGS;

39 F. A FORM THAT AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG FROM THE
40 REPOSITORY SHALL SIGN BEFORE RECEIVING THE DRUG TO CONFIRM THAT THE
41 INDIVIDUAL UNDERSTANDS THE IMMUNITY PROVISIONS OF THE PROGRAM;

42 G. A FORMULA TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF A HANDLING FEE THAT PHARMA-
43 CIES, HOSPITALS AND NONPROFIT CLINICS SHALL CHARGE TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG
44 RECIPIENTS TO COVER RESTOCKING AND DISPENSING COSTS;

45 H. IN ADDITION, FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DONATED TO THE REPOSITORY BY
46 INDIVIDUALS:

47 (1) A LIST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, ARRANGED EITHER BY CATEGORY OR BY
48 INDIVIDUAL DRUG, THAT THE REPOSITORY SHALL ACCEPT FROM INDIVIDUALS;

49 (2) A LIST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, ARRANGED EITHER BY CATEGORY OR BY
50 INDIVIDUAL DRUG, THAT THE REPOSITORY SHALL NOT ACCEPT FROM INDIVIDUALS.
51 THE LIST SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, A STATEMENT AS TO WHY THE
52 DRUG IS INELIGIBLE FOR DONATION.

53 (3) A FORM EACH DONOR SHALL SIGN STATING THAT THE DONOR IS THE OWNER
54 OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND INTENDS TO VOLUNTARILY DONATE SUCH DRUGS
55 TO THE REPOSITORY.

1 I. IN ADDITION, FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DONATED TO THE REPOSITORY BY
2 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES:

3 (1) A LIST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, ARRANGED EITHER BY CATEGORY OR BY
4 INDIVIDUAL DRUG, THAT THE REPOSITORY SHALL ACCEPT FROM HEALTH CARE
5 FACILITIES;

6 (2) A LIST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, ARRANGED EITHER BY CATEGORY OR BY
7 INDIVIDUAL DRUG, THAT THE REPOSITORY SHALL NOT ACCEPT FROM HEALTH CARE
8 FACILITIES. THE LIST SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT AS TO WHY SUCH DRUG IS
9 INELIGIBLE FOR DONATION.

10 J. ANY OTHER STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES THE BOARD CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

11 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
12 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
13 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
14 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
15 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
16 effective date.