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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prohibiting the substitution of opioid analgesic drugs for an opioid analgesic drug incorporating tamper resistance technology

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

1     Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2     3346 to read as follows:  
3     S 3346. CERTAIN OPIOID SUBSTITUTIONS PROHIBITED.     1. DEFINITIONS.     A.  
4     "INTERCHANGE OR SUBSTITUTION OF AN OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG" MEANS THE  
5     SUBSTITUTION OF ANY OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG, BRAND OR GENERIC, FOR THE  
6     OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG INCORPORATING A TAMPER-RESISTANCE TECHNOLOGY  
7     ORIGINALLY PRESCRIBED, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE SUBSTITUTED DRUG IS  
8     RATED AS PHARMACEUTICALLY AND THERAPEUTICALLY EQUIVALENT BY THE U.S.  
9     FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION OR STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY OR WHETHER THE  
10    OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG WITH TAMPER-RESISTANCE TECHNOLOGY BEARS A LABELING  
11    CLAIM WITH RESPECT TO REDUCTION OF TAMPERING, ABUSE OR ABUSE POTENTIAL.  
12    B. "OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG" MEANS A DRUG IN THE OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG  
13    CLASS PRESCRIBED TO TREAT MODERATE TO SEVERE PAIN OR OTHER CONDITIONS,  
14    WHETHER IN IMMEDIATE RELEASE OR EXTENDED RELEASE FORM AND WHETHER OR NOT  
15    COMBINED WITH OTHER DRUG SUBSTANCES TO FORM A SINGLE TABLET OR OTHER  
16    DOSAGE FORM.  
17    C. "OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG INCORPORATING A TAMPER-RESISTANCE TECHNOLOGY"  
18    MEANS AN OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG LISTED AS SUCH BY THE STATE BOARD OF  
19    PHARMACY BASED UPON A SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE BY THE DRUG MANUFACTURER OR  
20    DISTRIBUTOR THAT THE DRUG: (I) INCORPORATES A TAMPER-RESISTANCE TECHNOLOGY;  
21    AND (II) HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION  
22    PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION THAT INCLUDES AT LEAST ONE HUMAN TAMPERING OR  
23    ABUSE POTENTIAL STUDY OR A LABORATORY STUDY COMPARING THE TAMPER- OR  
24    ABUSE-RESISTANCE PROPERTIES OF THE DRUG TO ONE OR MORE OPIOID ANALGESIC

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

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1 DRUGS THAT (A) HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINIS-  
2 TRATION; AND (B) SERVE AS A POSITIVE CONTROL.

3 D. "PHARMACIST" FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION INCLUDES ANY PHARMACIST  
4 DISPENSING DRUGS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY,  
5 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS, PHARMACISTS IN  
6 HOSPITAL-BASED PHARMACIES WHEN FILLING PRESCRIPTIONS FOR INPATIENT OR  
7 OUTPATIENT CARE, AND PHARMACISTS IN MAIL ORDER PHARMACIES LICENSED BY  
8 THE STATE TO DISTRIBUTE IN THE STATE.

9 2. LIST OF OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUGS INCORPORATING A TAMPER-RESISTANCE  
10 TECHNOLOGY. THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY SHALL CREATE A LIST OF OPIOID  
11 ANALGESIC DRUGS FOR WHICH INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED CONSISTENT WITH  
12 PARAGRAPH C OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. INCLUSION OF A DRUG ON  
13 SUCH LIST SHALL NOT REQUIRE THAT A DRUG BEAR A LABELING CLAIM WITH  
14 RESPECT TO REDUCTION OF TAMPERING, ABUSE OR ABUSE POTENTIAL AT THE TIME  
15 OF LISTING. SUCH LIST SHALL ALSO INCLUDE A DETERMINATION BY THE BOARD AS  
16 TO WHICH LISTED OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUGS INCORPORATING TAMPER-RESISTANCE  
17 TECHNOLOGIES PROVIDE SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TAMPER-RESISTANCE PROPERTIES,  
18 BASED SOLELY UPON STUDIES SUBMITTED BY THE DRUG MANUFACTURER CONSISTENT  
19 WITH PARAGRAPH C OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION.

20 3. PROHIBITION. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIXTY-EIGHT  
21 HUNDRED SIXTEEN-A OF THE EDUCATION LAW, NO PHARMACIST SHALL INTERCHANGE  
22 OR SUBSTITUTE AN OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG, BRAND OR GENERIC, OTHERWISE  
23 ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH INTERCHANGE OR SUBSTITUTION UNDER SECTION SIXTY-EIGHT  
24 HUNDRED SIXTEEN-A OF THE EDUCATION LAW FOR AN OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG  
25 INCORPORATING A TAMPER-RESISTANCE TECHNOLOGY THAT IS LISTED PURSUANT TO  
26 SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION WITHOUT:

27 A. VERIFYING THAT THE OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG HAS BEEN LISTED BY THE  
28 STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY: UNDER SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION AS  
29 PROVIDING TAMPER-RESISTANCE PROPERTIES SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE  
30 PRESCRIBED OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG INCORPORATING A TAMPER-RESISTANCE TECH-  
31 NOLOGY; OR

32 B. OBTAINING WRITTEN, SIGNED CONSENT FROM THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN  
33 FOR SUCH INTERCHANGE OR SUBSTITUTION.

34 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.