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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to creating an on-line real time controlled substance reporting system to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of certain controlled substances

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

1     Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Internet  
2     System for Tracking Over-Prescribing (I-STOP) Act".

3     S 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3343-a  
4     to read as follows:

5     S 3343-A. ON-LINE REAL-TIME CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REPORTING SYSTEM. 1.  
6     ESTABLISHMENT OF SYSTEM. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
7     PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SYSTEM FOR COLLECT-  
8     ING, MONITORING AND REPORTING DATA CONCERNING THE PRESCRIBING AND  
9     DISPENSING OF SCHEDULE II, III, IV, OR V CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, OR ANY  
10    OTHER SUBSTANCES SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER, THAT ARE PRESCRIBED OR  
11    DISPENSED. SUCH SYSTEM SHALL ALLOW PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO  
12    MONITOR AND REPORT SUCH DATA BY MEANS OF AN INTERNET PORTAL AND A  
13    WEBSITE AND ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMIS-  
14    SIONER. SUCH SYSTEM SHALL ENABLE PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO MONI-  
15    TOR AND REPORT SUCH DATA AT THE TIME A PRESCRIPTION IS ISSUED OR SUCH  
16    SUBSTANCE IS DISPENSED. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT AND SUCH SYSTEM  
17    SHALL MAINTAIN PROCEDURES AND SAFEGUARDS TO ENSURE THE PRIVACY AND  
18    CONFIDENTIALITY OF PATIENT INFORMATION AND TO ENSURE THAT ANY DATA  
19    COLLECTED OR REPORTED IS NOT UNLAWFULLY ACCESSED OR DISCLOSED. THE  
20    COMMISSIONER SHALL ALSO ESTABLISH ACCEPTABLE ERROR TOLERANCE RATES FOR  
21    DATA AND PROCEDURES FOR PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO FOLLOW IN THE  
22    EVENT OF A TECHNOLOGICAL FAILURE.

23    2. REPORTING OBLIGATIONS. EVERY PRACTITIONER OR PHARMACIST WITHIN THE  
24    STATE OR ANY OTHER DISPENSER WHO HAS OBTAINED A LICENSE, PERMIT OR OTHER

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

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1 AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, OR ANY  
2 AGENT THEREOF, SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER THE DATA SPECIFIED IN  
3 PARAGRAPH A OR B OF THIS SUBDIVISION THROUGH AN INTERNET PORTAL AND  
4 WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND ANY OTHER METHOD DEEMED  
5 APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSIONER, UPON ISSUING A PRESCRIPTION OR DISPENS-  
6 ING A SCHEDULE II, III, IV, OR V CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OR ANY OTHER  
7 SUBSTANCE SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER; PROVIDED THAT SUCH REPORTING  
8 SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR ANY SUCH SUBSTANCE ADMINISTERED DIRECTLY TO A  
9 PATIENT, OR FOR SUCH SUBSTANCE DISPENSED PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE THOU-  
10 SAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR, THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEV-  
11 EN OR THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER OR ANY RULE  
12 OR REGULATION PROMULGATED UNDER THOSE SECTIONS.

13 A. DATA TO BE REPORTED BY PRACTITIONERS. DATA CONCERNING SCHEDULE II,  
14 III, IV, OR V CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCES SPECIFIED BY  
15 THE COMMISSIONER THAT ARE PRESCRIBED SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO  
16 THE FOLLOWING: PRACTITIONER PRESCRIPTION NUMBER; PRACTITIONER NATIONAL  
17 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER; PATIENT NAME; PATIENT ADDRESS, INCLUDING STREET,  
18 CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE; PATIENT DATE OF BIRTH; PATIENT'S SEX; DATE  
19 PRESCRIPTION ISSUED; METRIC QUANTITY; NATIONAL DRUG CODE NUMBER OF THE  
20 DRUG; NUMBER OF DAYS SUPPLY; PRACTITIONER DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINIS-  
21 TRATION NUMBER; DATE PRESCRIPTION WRITTEN; SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICIAL  
22 PRESCRIPTION FORM, OR AN IDENTIFIER DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT;  
23 PAYMENT METHOD, AND NUMBER OF REFILLS AUTHORIZED.

24 B. DATA TO BE REPORTED BY PHARMACISTS. DATA CONCERNING SCHEDULE II,  
25 III, IV, OR V CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCES SPECIFIED BY  
26 THE COMMISSIONER THAT ARE DISPENSED SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO  
27 THE FOLLOWING: PHARMACY PRESCRIPTION NUMBER; PHARMACY'S NATIONAL IDEN-  
28 TIFICATION NUMBER; PATIENT NAME; PATIENT ADDRESS, INCLUDING STREET,  
29 CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE; PATIENT DATE OF BIRTH; PATIENT'S SEX; DATE  
30 PRESCRIPTION FILLED; METRIC QUANTITY; NATIONAL DRUG CODE NUMBER OF THE  
31 DRUG; NUMBER OF DAYS SUPPLY; PRACTITIONER DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINIS-  
32 TRATION NUMBER; DATE PRESCRIPTION WRITTEN; SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICIAL  
33 PRESCRIPTION FORM, OR AN IDENTIFIER DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER;  
34 PAYMENT METHOD; NUMBER OF REFILLS AUTHORIZED; AND REFILL NUMBER.

35 3. DUTY TO CONSULT DATABASE; PROHIBITIONS. EVERY PRACTITIONER OR  
36 PHARMACIST WITHIN THE STATE, INCLUDING ANY OTHER DISPENSER WHO HAS  
37 OBTAINED A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE FROM THE  
38 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, SHALL MAKE INQUIRY TO THE ON-LINE CONTROLLED  
39 SUBSTANCE REPORTING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF  
40 THIS SECTION PRIOR TO PRESCRIBING OR DISPENSING ANY SCHEDULE II, III,  
41 IV, OR V CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE SPECIFIED BY THE  
42 COMMISSIONER; PROVIDED THAT THIS SUBDIVISION AND PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B)  
43 HEREOF, SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY SUCH SUBSTANCE ADMINISTERED DIRECTLY TO A  
44 PATIENT OR FOR ANY SUCH SUBSTANCE DISPENSED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS THREE  
45 THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR, THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIR-  
46 TY-SEVEN OR THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER AND  
47 ANY RULE PROMULGATED THEREUNDER.

48 A. NO PRACTITIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE ANY SCHEDULE II, III, IV, OR V  
49 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION-  
50 ER WITHOUT REVIEWING A PATIENT'S CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION  
51 HISTORY AS SET FORTH IN THE ON-LINE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REPORTING  
52 SYSTEM TO DETERMINE THAT SUCH PRESCRIPTION IS MEDICALLY NECESSARY AND  
53 WOULD NOT OTHERWISE VIOLATE SECTION THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY  
54 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR, FOR PRESCRIPTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY THE  
55 MEDICAID PROGRAM, SECTION ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE-B OF THE SOCIAL  
56 SERVICES LAW.

1 B. NO PHARMACIST SHALL DISPENSE ANY SCHEDULE II, III, IV, OR V  
2 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION-  
3 ER WITHOUT CONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A MATCHING REPORT PROVIDED BY A  
4 PRACTITIONER THROUGH THE ON-LINE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REPORTING SYSTEM.

5 4. LIMITATIONS ON USE; DISCLOSURE RESTRICTIONS. A. NO PRACTITIONER OR  
6 PHARMACIST SHALL DISCLOSE OR BE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY DATA VIEWED OR  
7 RECEIVED THROUGH THE ON-LINE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REPORTING SYSTEM  
8 UNLESS SO REQUIRED BY A PROVISION OF LAW SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE  
9 TREATMENT OF A PATIENT OR RELATING TO THE MANDATORY REPORTING OF AN  
10 ILLEGAL USE OR ABUSE OF A CONTROLLED SCHEDULE II, III, IV OR V SUBSTANCE  
11 OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER. DISCLOSURE BY A  
12 PRACTITIONER OR PHARMACIST TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY, INCLUDING  
13 DISCLOSURE IN THE CONTEXT OF A CIVIL ACTION WHERE THE DISCLOSURE IS  
14 SOUGHT EITHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCOVERY OR FOR EVIDENCE, IS PROHIBIT-  
15 ED.

16 B. THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT DISCLOSE DATA COLLECTED FOR THE ON-LINE  
17 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REPORTING SYSTEM UNLESS SPECIFICALLY SO AUTHORIZED  
18 BY LAW.

19 C. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO REVIEW BY ELECTRONIC MEANS  
20 OR OTHERWISE THE DATA COLLECTED OR PUBLISHED FOR THE ON-LINE CONTROLLED  
21 SUBSTANCE REPORTING SYSTEM. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO  
22 DISCLOSE DATA COLLECTED FOR OR PUBLISHED ON THE ON-LINE CONTROLLED  
23 SUBSTANCE REPORTING SYSTEM, WITHOUT NECESSITY OF SUBPOENA, TO: (I) THE  
24 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
25 OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LICENSURE, REGULATION,  
26 OR DISCIPLINE OF PRACTITIONERS OR PHARMACISTS; (II) THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY  
27 GENERAL FOR MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; (III) THE  
28 MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; (IV) A JUDGE OR A  
29 PROBATION OR PAROLE OFFICER ADMINISTERING A DIVERSION OR PROBATION  
30 PROGRAM OF A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A  
31 COURT-ORDERED DRUG DIVERSION OR PROBATION PROGRAM; OR (V) A PRACTITIONER  
32 OR PHARMACIST, OR THEIR AGENT, WHO REQUESTS INFORMATION AND CERTIFIES  
33 THAT THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MEDICAL  
34 OR PHARMACEUTICAL TREATMENT TO A CURRENT PATIENT. ANY PERSON TO WHOM THE  
35 COMMISSIONER DISCLOSES SUCH DATA PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT  
36 PROVIDE SUCH DATA TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY EXCEPT BY COURT ORDER,  
37 WHICH SHALL BE GRANTED ONLY UPON APPLICATION BY SUCH PERSON AND ONLY  
38 UPON A SHOWING THAT SUCH AN ORDER IS NECESSARY FOR SUCH PERSON TO CARRY  
39 OUT HIS OR HER DUTIES AS A PUBLIC OFFICER OR AS A PRACTITIONER OR PHAR-  
40 MACIST; PROVIDED THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
41 MAY SUBMIT THE DATA AS EVIDENCE IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING AS AUTHOR-  
42 IZED BY LAW.

43 D. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE THE DATA REPORTED  
44 TO OR COLLECTED FOR THE ON-LINE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REPORTING SYSTEM  
45 UPON RECEIPT OF A SUBPOENA ISSUED TO A POLICE OFFICER, DISTRICT ATTOR-  
46 NEY, OR GRAND JURY, OR ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

47 E. THE COMMISSIONER MAY USE ANY DATA OR REPORTS COLLECTED FOR OR  
48 REPORTED TO THE ON-LINE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REPORTING SYSTEM FOR THE  
49 PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING MEDICAID RECIPIENTS WHOSE USAGE OF CONTROLLED  
50 SUBSTANCES MAY BE APPROPRIATELY MANAGED BY A SINGLE OUTPATIENT PHARMACY  
51 OR PRIMARY CARE PRACTITIONER.

52 F. NOTHING IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO ALLOW A DISCLO-  
53 SURE OF INFORMATION OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW.

54 5. IMMUNITY. NO PUBLIC OFFICER ACTING IN GOOD FAITH NOR THE STATE OF  
55 NEW YORK NOR ANY DEPARTMENT, BUREAU, BOARD OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION  
56 THEREOF SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL LIABILITY ARISING FROM ANY FALSE

1 INFORMATION OF ANY DATA SUBMITTED TO OR REPORTED BY THE ON-LINE  
2 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REPORTING SYSTEM; OR ANY FAILURE OF THE SYSTEM TO  
3 ACCURATELY OR TIMELY REPORT SUCH DATA; OR FOR DISCLOSURE OF ANY DATA  
4 MAINTAINED BY THE SYSTEM RESULTING FROM SUCH OFFICER ACTING IN GOOD  
5 FAITH IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES.

6 6. CIVIL PENALTIES. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTI-  
7 CLE RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE:

8 A. ANY PRACTITIONER OR PHARMACIST WHO KNOWINGLY FAILS TO TRANSMIT DATA  
9 TO THE COMMISSIONER AS REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION SHALL  
10 BE LIABLE TO THE STATE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR  
11 THE FIRST PRESCRIPTION ISSUED WHICH IS NOT PROPERLY REPORTED; ONE THOU-  
12 SAND DOLLARS FOR THE SECOND PRESCRIPTION NOT PROPERLY REPORTED; AND FIVE  
13 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH PRESCRIPTION NOT PROPERLY REPORTED THEREAFTER.

14 B. ANY PRACTITIONER OR PHARMACIST WHO KNOWINGLY FAILS TO REVIEW DATA  
15 PRIOR TO PRESCRIBING OR DISPENSING ANY SUBSTANCE IN VIOLATION OF SUBDI-  
16 VISION THREE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE STATE FOR A CIVIL  
17 PENALTY OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE FIRST PRESCRIPTION SO ISSUED;  
18 ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE SECOND PRESCRIPTION SO ISSUED; AND FIVE  
19 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH PRESCRIPTION ISSUED IN VIOLATION OF SUBDIVI-  
20 SION THREE OF THIS SECTION THEREAFTER.

21 C. ANY PRACTITIONER OR PHARMACIST WHO KNOWINGLY DISCLOSES INFORMATION  
22 IN VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A  
23 PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE FIRST SUCH DISCLO-  
24 SURE; ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE SECOND SUCH DISCLOSURE; AND FIVE  
25 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH SUCH DISCLOSURE ISSUED IN VIOLATION OF SUBDI-  
26 VISION THREE THEREAFTER.

27 D. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO PREEMPT OR RESTRICT  
28 ANY CIVIL ACTION BY ANY INDIVIDUAL FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM AN ILLEGAL  
29 DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION IN VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS  
30 SECTION, OR ANY OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION BY THE COMMISSIONER OR  
31 ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

32 7. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL WORK WITH THE STATE  
33 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL  
34 ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LICENSURE, REGULATION, OR DISCIPLINE OF  
35 PRACTITIONERS, PHARMACISTS, AND OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO  
36 PRESCRIBE, ADMINISTER, OR DISPENSE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, FOR THE DEVEL-  
37 OPMENT OF A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM ABOUT THE PURPOSES AND USES OF  
38 THE ON-LINE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REPORTING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY THIS  
39 SECTION. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL  
40 JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM  
41 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ABOUT THE PURPOSES AND USES OF THE ELEC-  
42 TRONIC SYSTEM FOR MONITORING ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION.

43 8. RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND  
44 REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION;  
45 PROVIDED HOWEVER, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT PROMULGATE ANY RULE OR  
46 REGULATION THAT REQUIRES ANY PRACTITIONER OR PHARMACIST TO PAY A FEE OR  
47 TAX SPECIFICALLY DEDICATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM.

48 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
49 subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of section 3343-a of the public health  
50 law as added by section two of this act shall take effect one year after  
51 such effective date.