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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to return and redistribution of unused medication

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

1     Section 1. Section 2803-e of the public health law, as added by chapter 902 of the laws of 1977 and renumbered by chapter 340 of the laws of 1980, is amended to read as follows:  
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4     S 2803-e. Residential health care facilities; return and redistribution of unused medication. 1. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to permit either a resident or consultant pharmacist OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE in a residential health care facility to return to the pharmacy from which it was purchased any unused medication provided that such medication is sealed in THE MANUFACTURER'S ORIGINAL unopened[, ] TAMPER EVIDENT PACKAGING AND EITHER individually packaged [units] OR PACKAGED IN UNIT-DOSE PACKAGING and within the recommended period of shelf life, AND, IF ORAL OR PARENTERAL MEDICATIONS, SEALED IN SINGLE-DOSE CONTAINERS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND, IF A TOPICAL OR INHALANT DRUG, IS SEALED IN UNITS-OF-USE CONTAINERS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION and provided that such medication is not a controlled substance as defined in section thirty-three hundred six of [the public health law] THIS CHAPTER.  
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20     2. The pharmacy to which such medication as described in subdivision one of this section is returned shall be permitted to receive, restock and redistribute that medication. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION

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

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1 WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS  
2 SECTION, SHALL ESTABLISH A REASONABLE FEE OF REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS  
3 RELATED TO THE RECEIPT, RESTOCKING AND REDISTRIBUTION OF SUCH MEDICATION  
4 PAYABLE TO THE PHARMACY TO WHICH SUCH MEDICATION IS RETURNED.

5 3. The pharmacy to which such medication as described in subdivision  
6 one of this section is returned shall be required to reimburse or credit  
7 the purchaser of that medication for the unused medication that is  
8 restocked and redistributed. No pharmacy shall be required to accept any  
9 medication returned under subdivision one of this section.

10 4. Neither an individual patient or the state, if a patient is a  
11 recipient of a state funded program, shall be charged for unused medica-  
12 tion which according to the provisions of this law is returned for  
13 reimbursement or credit.

14 5. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ASSURE THAT ANY  
15 RETURN OF MEDICATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION, AND ANY RECEIPT,  
16 RESTOCKING OR REDISTRIBUTION OF MEDICATION SO RETURNED SHALL COMPLY WITH  
17 THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)  
18 OF 1996, AS AMENDED.

19 6. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONVENE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE  
20 COMMISSIONER IN DEVELOPING A REASONABLE FEE OF REIMBURSEMENT PURSUANT TO  
21 THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION. THE ADVISORY COMMIT-  
22 TEE SHALL BE COMPRISED OF LICENSED PHARMACISTS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN THE  
23 PROVISION OF LONG TERM CARE PHARMACY SERVICES. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE  
24 SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR: TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL  
25 BE APPOINTED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE  
26 SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY; AND TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE  
27 APPOINTED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY  
28 AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE.

29 7. A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MANUFACTURER SHALL NOT, IN THE ABSENCE OF BAD  
30 FAITH, BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LIABILITY FOR INJURY, DEATH, OR  
31 LOSS TO PERSON OR PROPERTY FOR MATTERS RELATED TO THE RETURN, DONATION,  
32 ACCEPTANCE, REDISTRIBUTION OR DISPENSING OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MANUFAC-  
33 TURED BY THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MANUFACTURER THAT IS DONATED BY ANY  
34 PERSON UNDER THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LIABILITY FOR  
35 FAILURE TO TRANSFER OR COMMUNICATE PRODUCT OR CONSUMER INFORMATION OR  
36 THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE DONATED PRESCRIPTION DRUG.

37 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
38 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the commissioner of  
39 health shall promulgate rules and regulations prior to such effective  
40 date.