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IN SENATE

January 24, 2014

Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the consent of the patient or an authorized individual to consent on the patient's behalf before a prescription is delivered

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 6810 of the education law, as added by chapter 881 of the laws of 1972, is amended to read as follows:

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- 2. (A) A prescription may not be refilled unless it bears a contrary instruction and indicates on its face the number of times it may be refilled. A prescription may not be refilled more times than allowed on the prescription. The date of each refilling must be indicated on the original prescription. Prescriptions for controlled substances shall be refilled only pursuant to article thirty-three of the public health law.
- A PHARMACY REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHT OF THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT DELIVER A NEW OR REFILLED PRESCRIPTION OFF PREMISES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE PATIENT OR AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO CONSENT ON THE PATIENT'S BEHALF. CONSENT SHALL INCLUDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
- (1) THE PATIENT OR AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL'S SIGNATURE OF ACCEPTANCE OF EACH PRESCRIPTION DELIVERED;
- 16 (2) THE PHARMACY MAY CONTACT THE PATIENT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVID-17 UAL FOR CONSENT TO DELIVER AND MUST DOCUMENT CONSENT IN THE PATIENT 18 RECORD; OR
 - (3) FOR PHARMACIES THATADMINISTER REFILL REMINDER OR MEDICATION ADHERENCE PROGRAMS AND DELIVER OFF PREMISES, IF A SIGNATURE IS NOT RECEIVED ON EACH PRESCRIPTION, THEN THE REFILL REMINDER PROGRAM OR MEDI-CATION ADHERENCE PROGRAM SHALL BE AN OPT-IN PROGRAM THAT IS UPDATED WITH CONSENT EVERY ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCU-MENTED PATIENT RECORD REVIEW BY A LICENSED PHARMACIST FROM THE PROVIDING

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

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1 PHARMACY AND THE PATIENT BEFORE CONTINUATION OF MEDICATION DELIVERY CAN 2 OCCUR.

- (B) PHARMACY PROVIDERS WHO DELIVER MEDICATION WITHOUT PATIENT OR AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL CONSENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT THE RETURN OF THE MEDICATION FROM THE PATIENT, PROVIDE THAT PATIENT CREDIT FOR ANY CHARGES THEY MAY HAVE PAID, AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO DESTROY THOSE MEDICATIONS SENT WITHOUT CONSENT ON DELIVERY IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO INTERFERE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REFILL REMINDER OR MEDICATION ADHERENCE PROGRAMS. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION IS INTENDED TO APPLY TO LONG-TERM CARE PHARMACY DISPENSING AND DELIVERY.
- 12 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that 13 if this act shall take effect on or after January 1, 2015, the commis-14 sioner of education shall promulgate any rule or regulation necessary to 15 implement the provisions of this act on of before January 1, 2015.