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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing pharmacists to refill non-controlled substance prescriptions for quantities of drugs not to exceed a ninety day supply, subject to certain conditions

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

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of
2 section 6810 of the education law, as amended by chapter 413 of the laws
3 of 2014, is amended to read as follows:
4 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
5 prescription may not be refilled more times than allowed on the
6 prescription. The date of each refilling must be indicated on the
7 original prescription. Prescriptions for controlled substances shall be
8 refilled only pursuant to article thirty-three of the public health law.
9 A PHARMACIST MAY EXERCISE HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT IN REFILLING
10 A PRESCRIPTION FOR A QUANTITY OF A DRUG GREATER THAN THE INITIAL QUANTITY
11 OF A DRUG PRESCRIBED BY THE PRESCRIBING PRACTITIONER PROVIDED THAT:
12 (I) SUCH REFILL IS MADE AFTER THE PATIENT'S INITIAL PRESCRIPTION IS
13 DISPENSED;
14 (II) SUCH REFILL DOES NOT EXCEED A NINETY DAY SUPPLY OF SUCH DRUG AND
15 DOES NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL QUANTITY OF SUCH DRUG AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESCRIBER;
16 (III) THE PRESCRIBER HAS NOT INDICATED THAT THE INITIAL QUANTITY OR
17 REFILL QUANTITY OF THE PRESCRIBED DRUG SHALL NOT BE CHANGED;
18 (IV) SUCH DRUG IS NOT A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE;
19 (V) THE PHARMACIST INFORMS THE PRESCRIBER OF SUCH REFILL AS SOON AS IS
20 REASONABLY POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER SUCH
21 REFILL IS MADE; AND
22 (VI) THE PATIENT'S HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY OR HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN, IF
23 ANY, WILL COVER THE REFILL QUANTITY DISPENSED, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CO-INSURANCE,
24 DEDUCTIBLE OR OTHER OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSE REQUIRED FROM SUCH
25 PATIENT.
26 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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