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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, GOTTFRIED, DINOWITZ, GALEF, HOOPER, JAFFEE, M. G. MILLER, RIVERA, WEPRIN, ABINANTI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- ordered to a third reading -passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the education law, in relation to generic drug products; and to repeal paragraph (o) of subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law relating thereto

## The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- Section 1. Paragraph (o) of subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law is REPEALED.
- 3 § 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 280-c to 4 read as follows:

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- § 280-c. Generic drug products. 1. The commissioner shall establish 6 and publish a list of drug products, referred to in this section as "generic drug" products, each of which shall meet the following condi-8 tions:
- (a) The drug product has been certified or approved by the commission-10 er of the Federal Food and Drug Administration as being safe and effec-11 tive for its labeled indications for use, and a new-drug application or an abbreviated new-drug application approved pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act is held for such drug product; and
- 14 (b) The commissioner of the Federal Food and Drug Administration has
- 15 evaluated such drug product as pharmaceutically and therapeutically 16 equivalent and has listed such drug product on the list of approved drug
- products with the therapeutic equivalence evaluations, provided, howev-17
- 18 er, that the list prepared by the commissioner shall not include any
- 19 drug product which the commissioner of the Federal Food and Drug Admin-

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

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12 13 istration has identified as having an actual or potential bioequivalence problem.

- 2. The manufacturer of a generic drug product shall make available to the department the biopharmaceutic studies and summaries, including bioequivalence data and incidence of adverse events, and associated analytical methods, including dissolution data and test methods provided to the Federal Food and Drug Administration as part of the application for such generic drug product. The department shall make such information freely and publicly available on its website.
- § 3. Paragraphs (a) and (e) of subdivision 6 of section 6810 of the education law, paragraph (a) as amended by chapter 590 of the laws of 2011 and paragraph (e) as amended by chapter 357 of the laws of 2017, are amended to read as follows:
- 14 (a) Every prescription written in this state by a person authorized to 15 issue such prescription shall be on prescription forms containing one line for the prescriber's signature. The prescriber's signature shall 16 17 validate the prescription. Every electronic prescription shall provide for the prescriber's electronic signature, which shall validate the 18 19 electronic prescription. Imprinted conspicuously on every prescription 20 written in this state in eight point upper case type immediately below 21 the signature line shall be the words: "THIS PRESCRIPTION WILL BE FILLED 22 GENERICALLY UNLESS PRESCRIBER WRITES 'd a w' IN THE BOX BELOW". Unless the prescriber writes d a w in such box in the prescriber's own hand-23 24 writing or, in the case of electronic prescriptions, inserts an elec-25 tronic direction to dispense the drug as written, the prescriber's 26 signature or electronic signature shall designate approval of substi-27 tution by a pharmacist of a generic drug product pursuant to [paragraph 28 (o) of subdivision one of section [two hundred six ] two hundred eight- $\underline{y-c}$  of the public health law. No other letters or marks in such box 29 30 shall prohibit substitution. No prescription forms used or intended to 31 be used by a person authorized to issue a prescription shall have 'd a 32 preprinted in such box. Such box shall be placed directly under the 33 signature line and shall be three-quarters inch in length and one-half 34 inch in height, or in comparable form for an electronic prescription as 35 may be specified by regulation of the commissioner. Immediately below 36 such box shall be imprinted in six point type the words "Dispense As 37 Written". Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no state offi-38 cial, agency, board or other entity shall promulgate any regulation or guideline modifying those elements of the prescription form's contents 39 specified in this subdivision. To the extent otherwise permitted by law, 40 41 a prescriber may modify only those elements of the prescription form's 42 contents not specified in this subdivision. Notwithstanding any other 43 provision of this section or any other law, when a generic drug is not 44 available and the brand name drug originally prescribed is available and 45 the pharmacist agrees to dispense the brand name product for a price 46 that will not exceed the price that would have been charged for the 47 generic substitute had it been available, substitution of a generic drug product will not be required. If the generic drug product is not avail-49 able and a medical emergency situation, which for purposes of this section is defined as any condition requiring alleviation of severe pain 50 51 or which threatens to cause disability or take life if not promptly 52 treated, exists, then the pharmacist may dispense the brand name product his regular price. In such instances the pharmacist must record the date, hour and nature of the medical emergency on the back of the prescription and keep a copy of all such prescriptions.

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 (e) No prescriber shall be subjected to civil liability arising solely from authorizing, in accordance with this subdivision, the substitution by a pharmacist of a <u>generic</u> drug product pursuant to [paragraph (o) of subdivision one of] section two hundred [six] eighty-c of the public health law.

- § 4. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 6 of section 6810 of the education law, as added by chapter 913 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:
- 9 (d) No prescriber shall be subjected to civil liability arising solely 10 from authorizing, in accordance with this subdivision, the substitution 11 by a pharmacist of a **generic** drug product pursuant to [paragraph (o) of subdivision one of] section two hundred [six] eighty-c of the public 13 health law.
  - § 5. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 6816-a of the education law, as added by chapter 776 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:
  - (b) The substituted drug product is contained in the list of generic drug products established pursuant to [paragraph (e) of subdivision one of] section [two hundred six] two hundred eighty-c of the public health law; and
- § 6. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law; provided that the amendments to paragraph (e) of subdivision 6 of section 6810 of the education law, made by section three of this act, shall not affect the expiration of such paragraph, when upon such date the provisions of section four of this act shall take effect. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.