STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 10, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. BARNWELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring pharmacies give notice to current prescription customers of intent to close the pharmacy

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6811-d to read as follows:

§ 6811-d. Patient notification of intent to close. 1. Where a pharmacy is intending to close, such pharmacy shall make a reasonable attempt to notify all current patients that the pharmacy intends to close. Such notice shall be by phone or by mail and shall occur at least thirty days from the intended date of closure. A patient shall be considered a current patient if the pharmacy had dispensed a drug to such patient within the last six months.

2. The notification required by this section may be provided by an individual pharmacy or by a central office in the case of a pharmacy that is part of a chain.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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