

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to labeling  
prescription bottles of opioids

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 3333 of the public health law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

3 (d) In addition to the other requirements of this subdivision, where  
4 the controlled substance being dispensed is an opioid, there shall be  
5 affixed to the container a label upon which is indelibly typed, printed,  
6 or otherwise legibly written "Warning. This drug is highly addictive  
7 and may cause depression and overdose. Please consult your pharmacist  
8 or physician before using."

9 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
10 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment  
11 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation  
12 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
13 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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