

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 16, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring pharmacies that are discontinuing to notify customers of such discontinuance

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

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

3 § 6811-d. Notification of pharmacy discontinuance. 1. Every regis-
4 tered pharmacy that sells prescription drugs at retail shall notify the
5 public at least thirty days prior to its discontinuance. Such notifica-
6 tion shall be provided to customers through their primary means of
7 communication with such pharmacy and be conspicuously posted at or
8 adjacent to the place in the pharmacy where prescriptions are presented
9 for compounding and dispensing, in the waiting area for customers, or
10 the area where prescribed drugs are dispensed.

11 2. The notification required pursuant to subdivision one of this
12 section shall include, but not be limited to:

13 (a) the date of such pharmacy's discontinuance;

14 (b) the names, addresses, and phone numbers of five nearby pharmacies,
15 provided that, to the extent possible, at least two of the listed phar-
16 macies shall be independently owned;

17 (c) instructions on transferring any existing prescriptions to another
18 pharmacy; and

19 (d) information regarding the disposition of prescription records if a
20 customer fails to transfer a prescription prior to such pharmacy's
21 discontinuance.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
23 have become a law.

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

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