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IN SENATE

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

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 provide
5 public notice at least thirty days prior to its discontinuance. Such
6 notice shall:

7 (a) be provided, to the extent possible, to customers who have had a
8 prescription filled at the pharmacy within the year prior to its discon-
9 tinuance through the customer's primary means of communication with such
10 pharmacy; and

11 (b) be conspicuously posted at or adjacent to the place in the pharma-
12 cy where prescriptions are presented for compounding and dispensing, in
13 the waiting area for customers, or the area where prescribed drugs are
14 dispensed.

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

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

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

21 (c) instructions on transferring any existing prescriptions to another
22 pharmacy; and

23 (d) information regarding the disposition of prescription records if a
24 customer fails to transfer a prescription prior to such pharmacy's
25 discontinuance.

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

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

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