



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5475

LCO No. 2086



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG CONTAINER LABELS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-617 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

3 [Each] (a) In addition to the standardized language and formatting
4 required by regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this
5 section, each pharmacist shall include on the label of each prescription
6 container: (1) The quantity of prescribed drug placed in such container,
7 in addition to any other information required by law; and (2) a
8 prominently printed expiration date for the prescribed drug based on
9 the manufacturer's recommended conditions of use and storage that
10 can be read and understood by the ordinary individual. The expiration
11 date required [pursuant to] under subdivision (2) of this [section]
12 subsection shall be no later than the expiration date for the prescribed
13 drug determined by the manufacturer.

14 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, after consulting
15 with the Commission of Pharmacy, shall adopt regulations, in

16 accordance with chapter 54, to establish standardized language and
17 formatting for prescription container labels in order to make such
18 labels easily understood by the ordinary individual.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	20-617

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a standardized prescription drug label on each prescription drug container to reduce the number of patients who incorrectly take their prescribed medication.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]