



Substitute House Bill No. 6718

Public Act No. 23-100

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, ILLEGAL DRUGS AND CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS.

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

Section 1. Section 20-636 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[Not later than January 1, 2023, each] (a) Each pharmacy, as defined in section 20-635, shall post a sign in a conspicuous place on the premises of such pharmacy, notifying consumers that they may visit the Internet web site of the Department of Consumer Protection for information concerning the safe storage of prescription drugs and disposal of unused and expired prescription drugs.

(b) On and after January 1, 2024, each pharmacy shall affix a fluorescent orange sticker or label to each container or packaging in which an opioid drug, as defined in section 20-14o, or controlled substance in schedule II, III, IV or V, is sold or dispensed, containing the following statement in black ink:

"DANGER TO CHILDREN

KEEP OUT OF REACH".

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(c) Not later than July 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to provide guidance for pharmacies concerning the optimal size of and font size used on the stickers or labels required pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Not later than September 1, 2023, the commissioner shall implement policies and procedures necessary to implement such guidance while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures as regulations. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2024, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall, in collaboration with providers of substance use disorder treatment services and organizations serving individuals experiencing homelessness, develop and administer a public awareness campaign concerning (1) the safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs, cannabis, cannabis products and illegal drugs, (2) the dangers such drugs and products pose to children, and (3) tactics to reduce and eliminate the harm caused to children by such drugs and products. Such campaign shall (A) include, but need not be limited to, the state-wide delivery of such information to individuals (i) receiving treatment for substance use disorders, and (ii) experiencing homelessness, and (B) not terminate any earlier than June 30, 2026.

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