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House Bill 3227

By Delegate Griffith

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §30-5A-1, relating to requiring medication status information be provided to a patient’s pharmacy when updating prescriptions or changing medications; and authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to propose a legislative rule.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5A. PRESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS AND LABELING.

§30-5A-1. Required information when continuing or discontinuing medications; rule-making.

(a) When any person licensed under this chapter issues or has issued prescriptions for more than one medication for a patient and then adds to or removes a medication from list of medications for that patient, the prescribing licensee shall indicate which, if any of the medications, are to be continued and transmit this information to the patient’s pharmacy.

Every new prescription order shall include on the written or electronically transmitted form two check boxes. The first box is to be labeled “Continue all other medications.” The label for second box shall contain a blank for the prescriber to indicate any medications that should be discontinued: “Discontinue [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_].” Prescriptions transmitted orally by phone shall include this same information when dictated to the pharmacy.

(b) The Board of Pharmacy may propose a rule for legislative approval, pursuant to §29A-3-1 *et seq*. of this code, to implement the provisions of this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require regular updates to a patient’s medication regimen be provided to the patient’s pharmacy.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.