

SENATE BILL NO. 131—SENATOR DENIS

PREFILED FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Requires certain pharmacies to provide a prescription reader upon request. (BDR 54-665)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to pharmacies; requiring each retail community pharmacy in this State to provide a prescription reader upon the request of a person to whom a drug is dispensed; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires prescriptions to be dispensed in a container to which is
2 affixed a label or other device that contains certain information unless otherwise
3 specified by the prescribing practitioner. (NRS 639.2801) This bill requires a retail
4 community pharmacy that dispenses a drug to: (1) notify the person to whom the
5 drug is dispensed of the availability of a prescription reader; and (2) upon request,
6 provide a prescription reader to the person free of charge.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 639 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a retail*
4 *community pharmacy shall notify each person to whom a drug is*
5 *dispensed that a prescription reader is available to the person free*
6 *of charge. The retail community pharmacy shall, upon request*
7 *and free of charge:*

8 *(a) Provide a prescription reader to the person to whom the*
9 *drug is dispensed to use for at least the duration of the*
10 *prescription; and*



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1 ***(b) Ensure that the label or other device attached to the***
2 ***container of the drug is capable of conveying the information***
3 ***prescribed in NRS 639.2801 to a person using the prescription***
4 ***reader.***

5 ***2. The requirements of subsection 1 do not apply if:***

6 ***(a) The drug is not dispensed in a container to which is affixed***
7 ***a label or other device pursuant to NRS 639.2801; or***

8 ***(b) The drug is dispensed through the mail.***

9 ***3. As used in this section:***

10 ***(a) "Prescription reader" means a device designed to convey***
11 ***audibly the information contained on the label or other device***
12 ***affixed to the container of a prescription drug to a person who is***
13 ***visually impaired or otherwise would have difficulty reading the***
14 ***label.***

15 ***(b) "Retail community pharmacy" means a pharmacy that is***
16 ***licensed by the Board and dispenses drugs directly to the general***
17 ***public at retail prices. The term does not include:***

18 ***(1) A pharmacy that dispenses prescription medications to***
19 ***patients solely through the mail;***

20 ***(2) A nonprofit pharmacy designated by the Board***
21 ***pursuant to NRS 639.2676;***

22 ***(3) An institutional pharmacy;***

23 ***(4) A pharmacy in a correctional institution; or***

24 ***(5) A pharmacy operated by a governmental entity.***

25 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2018.

