
SENATE BILL NO. 171—SENATORS GANSERT; CANCELA,
FORD, HARRIS, MANENDO, PARKS AND SEGERBLOM

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYWOMAN TOLLES

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Requires certain pharmacies to provide a means for persons to dispose of unused drugs. (BDR 54-634)

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

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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 certain pharmacies in this State to provide a means for persons to dispose of unused drugs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides, in certain institutional settings, for the return of certain
2 unused drugs to the dispensing pharmacy and the reissue or transfer of such drugs.
3 (NRS 433.801, 435.700, 449.2485, 639.2675, 639.2676) Existing law also
4 establishes programs for the donation, distribution and dispensing of drugs to treat
5 HIV/AIDS and cancer. (Chapter 453B of NRS) This bill requires each retail
6 community pharmacy in this State to provide a means for persons to safely dispose
7 of unused drugs.

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. Each retail community pharmacy in this State shall*
4 *provide a means for persons to dispose of unused drugs, including,*
5 *without limitation, opioids and other drugs that were not dispensed*



1 *by the retail community pharmacy. Such means may include,*
2 *without limitation:*

3 *(a) Offering, for sale or free of charge, containers that:*

4 *(1) Contain a substance which will render a drug*
5 *chemically inert when the drug is placed in such a container; and*

6 *(2) Can be disposed of in the same manner as other solid*
7 *waste without polluting water or soil; and*

8 *(b) Accepting unused drugs and disposing of those drugs in*
9 *any lawful manner.*

10 *2. As used in this section, "retail community pharmacy"*
11 *means a pharmacy that is licensed by the Board and dispenses*
12 *drugs directly to the general public at retail prices. The term does*
13 *not include:*

14 *(a) A pharmacy that dispenses prescription medications to*
15 *patients solely through the mail;*

16 *(b) A nonprofit pharmacy designated by the Board pursuant to*
17 *NRS 639.2676;*

18 *(c) An institutional pharmacy;*

19 *(d) A pharmacy in a correctional institution; or*

20 *(e) A pharmacy owned or operated by a governmental entity.*

21 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval
22 for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other
23 preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the
24 provisions of this act, and on January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

