

HOUSE BILL 1003

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1            AN ACT Relating to information on prescription drugs; and adding a  
2 new section to chapter 18.64 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.64 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The board shall determine which legend drugs or drug types pose  
7 a substantial risk to the person consuming the drug if taken in  
8 combination with alcohol or which may impair a person's ability to  
9 drive a motor vehicle. The board shall provide each pharmacy in this  
10 state with a list of such drugs or drug types.

11            (2) A pharmacist shall inform a patient orally or in writing of the  
12 harmful effects of any drug dispensed by prescription that has been  
13 determined by the board under subsection (1) of this section to be a  
14 drug or drug type that poses substantial risk to the person consuming

1 the drug when taken in combination with alcohol or that may impair a  
2 person's ability to drive a motor vehicle.

3 (3) A pharmacist is responsible for providing a label or enclosure  
4 with the drug container whenever the prescribed drug has not previously  
5 been dispensed to the patient, or whenever the prescribed drug has been  
6 dispensed in a different dosage, form, strength, or with different  
7 written instructions. The label or enclosure shall read, "Consult your  
8 pharmacist or physician with a list of medications you are currently  
9 taking if you have any questions about adverse drug reactions." The  
10 print on the label shall be no smaller than 12-point.