
HOUSE BILL 2588

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1 AN ACT Relating to information required to appear on a prescription
2 label; and amending RCW 18.64.246.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.64.246 and 1984 c 153 s 13 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 To every box, bottle, jar, tube or other container of a
7 prescription which is dispensed there shall be fixed a label bearing
8 the name and address of the ~~((pharmacy wherein the prescription is
9 compounded, the corresponding serial number of the prescription, the
10 name of the prescriber, his directions, the name of the medicine and
11 the strength per unit dose, name of patient, date, the expiration date,
12 and initials of the licensed pharmacist who has compounded the
13 prescription, and))~~ dispensing pharmacy, the prescription number, the
14 name of the prescriber, the prescriber's directions, the name and
15 strength of the medication, the name of the patient, the date, and the
16 expiration date. The security of the cover or cap on every bottle or
17 jar shall meet safety standards ~~((promulgated))~~ adopted by the state
18 board of pharmacy ~~((:—PROVIDED, That))~~. At the ~~((physician's))~~
19 prescriber's request, the name and ~~((dosage))~~ strength of the ~~((drug))~~

1 medication need not be shown. If the prescription is for a combination
2 ((~~drug~~)) medication product, the generic names of the ((~~drugs~~))
3 medications combined or the trade name used by the manufacturer or
4 distributor for the product shall be noted on the label. The
5 identification of the licensed pharmacist responsible for each
6 dispensing of medication must either be recorded in the pharmacy's
7 record system or on the prescription label. This section shall not
8 apply to the dispensing of ((~~medicines~~)) medications to in-patients in
9 hospitals.

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