

HB 1889 - DIGEST

Declares that the purpose of this act is to require disclosure and reporting of gifts, grants, and gratuities made by pharmaceutical manufacturers, directly or indirectly, to any person or entity authorized to prescribe, dispense, or purchase prescription drugs in Washington.

Requires that, on or before January 1st of each year, every pharmaceutical manufacturing company must disclose to the board the value, nature, and purpose of any gift, fee, or payment made to any person or entity licensed under Title 18 RCW who is authorized to prescribe or dispense prescription drugs, hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW, health benefit plan administrator, group purchasing organization or pharmacy benefit manager, or other entity authorized to purchase prescription drugs in this state.

Requires initial disclosure to be made on or before January 1, 2007, for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2006. The board must provide to the office of the attorney general complete access to the information required to be disclosed and report annually on the disclosures made under this section to the legislature and the governor on or before March 1st.

Requires each company subject to the provisions of this act to also disclose to the board, on or before October 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the name and address of the individual responsible for the company's compliance with the provisions of this act.

Authorizes the attorney general to bring an action in Thurston county superior court for injunctive relief, costs, and attorneys' fees, and to impose on a pharmaceutical manufacturing company that fails to disclose as required by this act a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars per violation. Each unlawful failure to disclose constitutes a separate violation.