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House Bill 3227

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Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
 2 designated §30-5A-1, relating to requiring medication status information be provided to a
 3 patient’s pharmacy when updating prescriptions or changing medications; and authorizing
 4 the Board of Pharmacy to propose a legislative rule.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5A. PRESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS AND LABELING.

§30-5A-1. Required information when continuing or discontinuing medications; rule-making.

1 (a) When any person licensed under this chapter issues or has issued prescriptions for
 2 more than one medication for a patient and then adds to or removes a medication from list of
 3 medications for that patient, the prescribing licensee shall indicate which, if any of the
 4 medications, are to be continued and transmit this information to the patient’s pharmacy.

5 Every new prescription order shall include on the written or electronically transmitted form
 6 two check boxes. The first box is to be labeled “Continue all other medications.” The label for
 7 second box shall contain a blank for the prescriber to indicate any medications that should be
 8 discontinued: “Discontinue [].” Prescriptions transmitted orally by phone shall
 9 include this same information when dictated to the pharmacy.

10 (b) The Board of Pharmacy may propose a rule for legislative approval, pursuant to §29A-
 11 3-1 et seq. of this code, to implement the provisions of this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require regular updates to a patient’s medication regimen be provided to the patient’s pharmacy.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.