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House Bill 3229

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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 the purpose of a prescription to be clearly stated
 3 on the label.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5A. PRESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS AND LABELING.

§30-5A-1. Statement of medical purpose to be provided with prescribed medications.

1 (a) When any person licensed under this chapter writes or issues a prescription for
 2 medication to be self-administered by a client or patient, the person shall indicate the purpose for
 3 the medication in a brief statement in simple words, such as “for pain,” “for heart care,” or “for
 4 blood pressure.”

5 (b) Every pharmacy registered in this state shall ensure that the purpose for a medication,
 6 as specified by the prescriber, shall appear on the label issued with that medication in large, easy-
 7 to-read lettering.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that prescription medications be clearly labeled for the consumer with a simple statement of the purpose from the prescriber.

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