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House Bill 3228

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[Introduced March 16, 2021; Referred to the
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 documentation of changes to patient
 3 prescriptions and notification to patient’s pharmacy.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5A. PRESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS AND LABELING.

§30-5A-1. Documentation of changes to prescriptions.

1 If, after consultation with any patient or representative of a patient, a person licensed under
 2 this chapter instructs the patient to change the dosage, frequency, or manner of administration of
 3 a medication from the instructions set forth in the latest prescription written for that medication for
 4 the patient, the licensee shall, within 72 hours of the communication with the patient or
 5 representative, document the change in the patient’s medical record and inform the patient’s
 6 pharmacy of the change in the prescriber’s instructions.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that all prescribers of medications document any change of instructions to a patient and inform the patient’s pharmacy of such changes.

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