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House Bill 5229

By Delegate Griffith

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §30-5A-1, relating to requiring documentation of changes to patient 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.

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