

RE: House Bill 2395 -REVISED

For the record my name is Mary Ann Schwab, a resident of House District 42

I am here today, in support House Bill 2395 which directs State Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules related to prescription drug labels.

as stated in Section 2. "...shall adopt rules to allow a practitioner who prescribes a drug to a patient to request that the pharmacist who dispenses the drug to the patient write the purpose for which the drug was prescribed on the label of the container in which the drug is dispensed to the patient."

I believe is vital to protect the key stakeholders, including the Patient's Doctor, Pharmacist, Home Health Care Provider, and Caretaker 24/7 like me.

For the last two years, I have been my husband's Caretaker dispensing 11 prescription medications one bottle was labeled it's purpose: TYROID. Little wonder, we are instructed to bring in current prescriptions and over the counter drugs to appointments with Doctors — as well as to my husband's three visits to the ER by Ambulance.

Granted, the Pharmacist is most willing to instruct us on how and when to take it — BUT NOT — always aware of the purpose for which the drug was prescribed. When in doubt, they contact the practitioner, who prescribed the drug — only to be told when the Doctor is off-campus (Wednesday) and his colleague "on call" may not be able to return the Pharmacist's call within that workday that drug was prescribed. When in doubt, Pharmacist will contact the Practitioner, who prescribed the drug — only to be told when the Doctor is off-campus (Wednesday) and

his colleague “on call” may not be able to return the Pharmacist’s call within that workday. Thereby, maybe putting his physician’s patient at risk.

Currently, my husband is being treated by his Primary Care Physical and eight specialists, many of whom are in private practice renting space located on the hospital campus, thanks to HIPPA their computers do not interface with the Hospitals. Something we learned recently? One Specialist no longer had my husband’s records on file, as according to Federal Regulations patient files can be destroyed after seven (7) years.

Therefore, when returning for treatment for a broken shoulder, we did not remember which pain medication was harmful. Thanks to my trusted Pharmacist, who alerted us to a serious conflict posted back in 1992. The new Primary Care Physical as of 2013 — prescribed another pain killer.

Like each of you, I trust my Pharmacist to review new prescriptions prior to dispensing as it does in fact protect the public as well as their physical.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann Schwab