

HB 2935 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines terms. Requires pharmacies to notify a person of the availability of a prescription reading device if the individual identifies as visually impaired or blind. Requires pharmacies to provide device for the duration of a prescription and that the device be appropriate to address an individual's visual impairment. Authorizes the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules. Declares emergency, takes effect upon passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

For individuals taking prescription medications, it is critical to understand the types of medications prescribed, recommended dosage, duration, potential side effects, and be able to safely and effectively manage their medications. Prescription drugs are dispensed by health care professionals and pharmacists with labels that provide written information and instructions for consumers. For individuals who are visually impaired or blind, reading and understanding the labels on prescription drugs can be difficult. In recent years, companies have developed devices that read aloud the information provided on a prescription bottle to help individuals identify and manage their medications.

House Bill 2935 helps individuals who are visually impaired by providing access to a prescription reader at certain pharmacies.