

SENATE BILL NO. 131—SENATOR DENIS

PREFILED FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Requires certain pharmacies to provide a prescription reader upon request. (BDR 54-665)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to pharmacies; requiring each retail community pharmacy in this State to provide a prescription reader upon the request of a person to whom a drug is dispensed; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires prescriptions to be dispensed in a container to which is  
2 affixed a label or other device that contains certain information unless otherwise  
3 specified by the prescribing practitioner. (NRS 639.2801) This bill requires a retail  
4 community pharmacy that dispenses a drug to: (1) notify the person to whom the  
5 drug is dispensed of the availability of a prescription reader; and (2) upon request,  
6 provide a prescription reader to the person free of charge.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 639 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a retail*  
4 *community pharmacy shall notify each person to whom a drug is*  
5 *dispensed that a prescription reader is available to the person free*  
6 *of charge. The retail community pharmacy shall, upon request*  
7 *and free of charge:*

8 *(a) Provide a prescription reader to the person to whom the*  
9 *drug is dispensed to use for at least the duration of the*  
10 *prescription; and*



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1       ***(b) Ensure that the label or other device attached to the***  
2 ***container of the drug is capable of conveying the information***  
3 ***prescribed in NRS 639.2801 to a person using the prescription***  
4 ***reader.***

5       ***2. The requirements of subsection 1 do not apply if:***

6       ***(a) The drug is not dispensed in a container to which is affixed***  
7 ***a label or other device pursuant to NRS 639.2801; or***

8       ***(b) The drug is dispensed through the mail.***

9       ***3. As used in this section:***

10       ***(a) "Prescription reader" means a device designed to convey***  
11 ***audibly the information contained on the label or other device***  
12 ***affixed to the container of a prescription drug to a person who is***  
13 ***visually impaired or otherwise would have difficulty reading the***  
14 ***label.***

15       ***(b) "Retail community pharmacy" means a pharmacy that is***  
16 ***licensed by the Board and dispenses drugs directly to the general***  
17 ***public at retail prices. The term does not include:***

18       ***(1) A pharmacy that dispenses prescription medications to***  
19 ***patients solely through the mail;***

20       ***(2) A nonprofit pharmacy designated by the Board***  
21 ***pursuant to NRS 639.2676;***

22       ***(3) An institutional pharmacy;***

23       ***(4) A pharmacy in a correctional institution; or***

24       ***(5) A pharmacy operated by a governmental entity.***

25       **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2018.

