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House Bill 2935

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to prescription drugs; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 689.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Person who is blind" means a person who is:

(A) Visually impaired;

(B) Print disabled; or

(C) A person who is blind as that term is defined in ORS 346.510.

(b) "Prescription reader" means a device that is designed to audibly convey the information contained on the label of a prescription drug.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a pharmacy shall notify each person to whom a prescription drug is dispensed that a prescription reader is available to the person upon request. If a person informs the pharmacy that the person identifies as a person who is blind, the pharmacy shall provide to the person a prescription reader that is:

(a) Available to the person for at least the duration of the prescription; and

(b) Appropriate to address the person's visual impairment.

(3) A pharmacy that provides a prescription reader under subsection (2) of this section shall ensure that the prescription label is compatible with the prescription reader.

(4) The requirements of this section do not apply to prescription drugs dispensed by an institutional drug outlet.

(5) The State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules to carry out this section.

SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2019 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2020.

(2) The State Board of Pharmacy may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the board by section 2 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.

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