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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1307 (Delegates Cole and McHale)
Environmental Matters

Pharmacy Errors

This bill requires a pharmacy to immediately report to the consumer, the consumer's prescribing health care provider, and the Board of Pharmacy any error made in compounding, dispensing, or labeling a prescription.

The bill authorizes the board to take disciplinary action against a licensee for the willful failure to report errors to the consumer, prescribing health care provider, and the board. Disciplinary action may include reprimand of the licensee or denial, probation, suspension, or revocation of a license.

The Board of Pharmacy must adopt regulations to implement the bill by December 1, 2001 and file annual reports with specified committees of the General Assembly on the impact of the bill on the frequency and severity of pharmacy errors.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Board of Pharmacy could comply with the bill using existing budgeted resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal. Small business pharmacies would be required to adopt notification procedures to ensure consumers, health care providers, and the board are notified of any pharmacy errors.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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