

Department of Legislative Services  
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 783 (Delegates Nathan-Pulliam and Morhaim)

Environmental Matters

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**Prescription Drugs - Required Labeling**

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This bill requires a pharmacist to indicate on a prescription label whether the drug or product is a generic equivalent of the prescribed drug or product.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's requirement does not materially affect governmental finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. Pharmacists that are small businesses would be required to place additional information on drug labels, which may require some additional computer programming or printing costs.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Pharmacists are required to provide generic substitution information to a patient in writing. The information does not have to be placed on the label of the drug or product.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Board of Pharmacy),  
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