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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 or advice on obtaining a prescription reader; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

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

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

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

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

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

*(a) Provide a prescription reader to the person to whom the drug is dispensed to use for at least the duration of the prescription and attach to the container of the drug a label or other device that is capable of conveying the information prescribed in NRS 639.2801 to a person using the prescription reader; or*

*(b) Provide directions or advice to the person on obtaining a prescription reader appropriate to his or her visual or print impairment.*

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

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

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

*3. As used in this section:*



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

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

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

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

*(3) An institutional pharmacy;*

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

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

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

