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23 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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28 To amend the District of Columbia Certificate of Need Act of 1980 to combat opioid abuse by  
29 requiring prescription opioid medications to include a statement that the drug is an opioid  
30 and that opioids may cause dependence, addiction, or overdose.

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32 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
33 act may be cited as the "Opioid Labeling Amendment Act of 2019".

34 Sec. 2. Section 15 of the District of Columbia Certificate of Need Act of 1980 (D.C. Law  
35 3-98; D.C. Official Code § 48-2885.14), is amended as follows:

36 (a) The existing language is redesignated as subsection (a).

37 (b) A new section (b) is added to read as follows:

38 “(b) If the drug contains or is derived from opium, a statement that the drug is an  
39 opioid and that opioids may cause dependence, addiction, or overdose shall be affixed to the  
40 container in which such opioid medication is sold or dispensed. The Board of Pharmacy, in  
41 consultation with D.C. Health, shall specify by rule or regulation the location on the medication  
42 container where the warning sticker shall be affixed and the specific language to be included on  
43 the warning sticker, which, at a minimum, shall indicate that the medication in the container is an  
44 opioid and that opioid medications carry a risk of addiction and overdose. Unless otherwise  
45 provided by rules or regulations promulgated by the director, the sticker shall be red in color  
46 with text printed in a white font large enough to be easily and clearly readable.”.

47 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

48 The council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
49 impact a statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
50 approved October 16,2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. official Code Section 1-201.47.

51 Sec. 4. Effective date.

52 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
53 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
54 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
55 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
56 Columbia Register.