

SENATE BILL NO. 131—SENATOR DENIS

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Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Requires certain pharmacies to, upon request, provide a prescription reader or advice on obtaining a prescription reader. (BDR 54-665)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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

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:**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

14 3. As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

27 (3) An institutional pharmacy;

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

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

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

