

HOUSE BILL NO. 6143

November 14, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Rogers, Mentzer, Rheingans, Hood, Wilson, Tsernoglou and Scott and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 17756a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 17756a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
2 a pharmacy shall ensure that each individual to whom a prescription
3 drug is dispensed is notified that a prescription reader is
4 available to the individual on request. If an individual informs
5 the pharmacy that the individual identifies as an individual who is

1 blind, the pharmacy shall ensure that the individual is provided
2 with a prescription reader that is appropriate to address the
3 individual's visual impairment and is available to the individual
4 for at least the duration of the individual's prescription.

5 (2) A pharmacy that provides a prescription reader shall
6 ensure that the label on a prescription that is dispensed by the
7 pharmacy is compatible with the prescription reader.

8 (3) This section does not apply to a pharmacy that is located
9 in a health care facility in which the prescription drug is
10 dispensed to a health professional for inpatient administration.

11 (4) The board may promulgate rules to implement this section.

12 (5) As used in this section:

13 (a) "Individual who is blind" means an individual who meets
14 any of the following:

15 (i) The individual is a blind person as that term is defined in
16 section 1 of 1978 PA 260, MCL 393.351.

17 (ii) The individual is visually impaired.

18 (iii) The individual is print disabled.

19 (b) "Prescription reader" means a device that is designed to
20 audibly convey the information contained on a label of a
21 prescription drug.