

House Bill 2935

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires pharmacies to notify person to whom prescription drug is dispensed of availability of prescription reader. Specifies criteria for prescription reader offered to person who is blind. Defines "prescription reader." Requires State Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to prescription drugs; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 689.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

6 (a) "Person who is blind" means a person who is:

7 (A) Visually impaired;

8 (B) Print disabled; or

9 (C) A person who is blind as that term is defined in ORS 346.510.

10 (b) "Prescription reader" means a device that is designed to audibly convey the infor-
11 mation contained on the label of a prescription drug.

12 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a pharmacy shall notify each
13 person to whom a prescription drug is dispensed that a prescription reader is available to the
14 person upon request. If a person informs the pharmacy that the person identifies as a person
15 who is blind, a prescription reader made available to the person must:

16 (a) Be available to the person for at least the duration of the prescription; and

17 (b) Be appropriate to address the person's visual impairment.

18 (3) A pharmacy that provides a prescription reader under subsection (2) of this section
19 shall ensure that the prescription label is compatible with the prescription reader.

20 (4) The requirements of this section do not apply to prescription drugs dispensed by mail
21 or to a pharmacy that is:

22 (a) Located in a correctional institution;

23 (b) Operated as a nonprofit organization; or

24 (c) Operated by a government agency.

25 (5) The State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules to carry out this section.

26 **SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2019 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2020.**

27 (2) The State Board of Pharmacy may take any action before the operative date specified
28 in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and
29 after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions
30 and powers conferred on the board by section 2 of this 2019 Act.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.**

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