

Senate Bill 447

Sponsored by Senator PATTERSON (Pre-session filed.)

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act says that a pharmacy has to tell a person who gets a prescription drug that the drug maker might be able to help the person pay for the drug. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.9).

Requires a pharmacy to notify a person to whom a prescription drug is dispensed that the drug manufacturer may offer a patient assistance program. Defines "patient assistance program."

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to patient assistance programs; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 689.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "patient assistance program" means a program**
6 **operated by or on behalf of a manufacturer that offers financial assistance to a person to**
7 **whom a drug manufactured by the manufacturer is dispensed.**

8 **(2) A pharmacy shall notify each person to whom a prescription drug is dispensed that**
9 **a patient assistance program may be available from the drug's manufacturer and provide to**
10 **the patient the name of the manufacturer.**

11 **(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to an institutional drug outlet.**

12 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act applies to prescription drugs dispensed on or after**
13 **the operative date specified in section 4 of this 2025 Act.**

14 **SECTION 4. (1) Section 2 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.**

15 **(2) The State Board of Pharmacy may take any action before the operative date specified**
16 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and**
17 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
18 **and powers conferred on the board by section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

19 **SECTION 5. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
20 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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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.