

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 2084

An act relating to drug prescriptions; creating s. 456.42, F.S.; requiring written drug prescriptions to be legibly printed or typed, to contain certain information, and to be dated and signed by the prescribing practitioner on the day issued; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 456.42, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

456.42 Written prescriptions for medicinal drugs.—A written prescription for a medicinal drug issued by a health care practitioner licensed by law to prescribe such drug must be legibly printed or typed so as to be capable of being understood by the pharmacist filling the prescription; must contain the name of the prescribing practitioner, the name and strength of the drug prescribed, the quantity of the drug prescribed in both textual and numerical formats, and the directions for use of the drug; must be dated with the month written out in textual letters; and must be signed by the prescribing practitioner on the day when issued.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Approved by the Governor May 23, 2003.

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