

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 728 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY YAW, BREWSTER, WARD, RAFFERTY, BARTOLOTTA, COSTA, FOLMER, RESCHENTHALER, VULAKOVICH AND MENSCH, MAY 24, 2017

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, OCTOBER 17, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191),
2 entitled "An act providing for prescription drug monitoring;
3 creating the ABC-MAP Board; establishing the Achieving Better
4 Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program; and providing
5 for unlawful acts and penalties," further providing for
6 requirements for prescribers.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 8(a.1) of the act of October 27, 2014
10 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by
11 Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, added
12 November 2, 2016 (P.L.980, No.124), is amended to read:

13 Section 8. Requirements for prescribers.

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15 (a.1) Query not required.--

16 (1) [If] NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A), IF a patient <--
17 has been admitted to a licensed health care facility or is in
18 observation status in a licensed health care facility, the
19 prescriber does not need to query the system after [the] AN <--
20 initial query [under subsection (a)(1)] as long as the <--

1 patient remains admitted to the licensed health care facility
2 or remains in observation status in a licensed health care
3 facility.

4 (2) If a patient ~~has been~~ IS prescribed a nonnarcotic <--
5 Schedule V controlled substance, as defined in the act of
6 April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled
7 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, ~~that treats an~~ <--
8 ~~epilepsy or~~ FOR THE TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY OR A seizure <--
9 disorder, the prescriber does not need to query the system
10 under subsection (a)(1).

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12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.