

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DeLUCA, SERAFINI, BILLOW, LEVDANSKY, COHEN,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 15, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),  
2 entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine  
3 and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts;  
4 reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and  
5 Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for  
6 its composition, powers and duties; providing for the  
7 issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and  
8 revocation of licenses and certificates; providing penalties;  
9 and making repeals," further providing for the writing of  
10 drug prescriptions by physicians.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),  
14 known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, is amended by adding  
15 a section to read:

16 Section 37.1. Writing of prescriptions.

17 All prescriptions for drugs written by physicians shall  
18 contain the full name of the prescription drug and clear dosage  
19 instructions. The drug name and the dosage instructions shall  
20 not be abbreviated.

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