

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, DECEMBER 7, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), entitled
2 "An act relating to the manufacture, sale and possession of
3 controlled substances, other drugs, devices and cosmetics;
4 conferring powers on the courts and the secretary and
5 Department of Health, and a newly created Pennsylvania Drug,
6 Device and Cosmetic Board; establishing schedules of
7 controlled substances; providing penalties; requiring
8 registration of persons engaged in the drug trade and for the
9 revocation or suspension of certain licenses and
10 registrations; and repealing an act," further providing for
11 certain drugs which are dispensed by prescription.

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

14 Section 1. The act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known
15 as "The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act," is
16 amended by adding a section to read:

17 Section 11.1. Certain Prescribed Drugs; Warning Labels.--(a)
18 A pharmacist shall inform a patient in writing, pursuant to
19 subsection (b), of the harmful effects of a drug dispensed by
20 prescription if such drug poses substantial risk to the person
21 consuming the drug when taken in combination with alcohol or if
22 the drug may impair a person's ability to drive a motor vehicle,

1 whichever is applicable, and provided the drug is determined by
2 the board pursuant to subsection (c) to be a drug or drug type
3 for which such warning shall be given.

4 (b) The pharmacist shall attach a label to the commercial
5 container which shall bear the following inscription in at least
6 six point type: "Do Not Drink Alcoholic Beverages While Taking
7 This Medication."

8 (c) The department shall determine which drugs or drug types
9 pose a substantial risk to the person consuming the drug if
10 taken in combination with alcohol or which may impair a person's
11 ability to drive a motor vehicle, and the board shall provide
12 each pharmacy in this State with a list of such drugs or drug
13 types.

14 (d) This section shall not apply to drugs furnished to
15 patients registered for treatment or emergency cases under
16 treatment in health care facilities licensed under the laws of
17 this Commonwealth.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.