

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 688 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY LESCOVITZ, GEORGE, READSHAW, CALTAGIRONE,
LAUGHLIN, CAWLEY, COSTA, YOUNGBLOOD, BELFANTI, PRESTON,
SHANER AND WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 13, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
FEBRUARY 13, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 1976 (P.L.1163, No.259),
2 entitled "An act relating to the prescribing and dispensing
3 of generic equivalent drugs," further providing information
4 on drug labels.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 3(e) of the act of November 24, 1976
8 (P.L.1163, No.259), referred to as the Generic Equivalent Drug
9 Law, is amended to read:

10 Section 3. * * *

11 (e) Unless the prescriber directs otherwise, the label on
12 all drugs dispensed by a pharmacist shall indicate the generic
13 name using abbreviations if necessary [and], the name of the
14 manufacturer and the name of the prescribed brand name drug. The
15 same notation shall be made on the original prescription
16 retained by the pharmacist.

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