

House Bill 1191

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and Meadows of the 5th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 26-4-80 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 dispensing prescription drugs, electronically transmitting drug orders, refills, and Schedule
3 II controlled substance prescriptions, so as to require a practitioner to have the practitioner's
4 name printed below his or her signature; to change certain provisions relating to requirements
5 for transmitting prescriptions electronically or via facsimile; to provide for related matters;
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 26-4-80 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispensing
10 prescription drugs, electronically transmitting drug orders, refills, and Schedule II controlled
11 substance prescriptions, is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof
12 a new subsection (b); by striking subparagraph (c)(2)(G) and inserting in lieu thereof a new
13 subparagraph (c)(2)(G); and from subsection (c), by striking "and" from the end of paragraph
14 (6), striking the period at the end of paragraph (7) and inserting "; and", and adding a new
15 paragraph (8) as follows:

16 "(b) Prescription drugs shall be dispensed only pursuant to a valid prescription drug order.
17 All written prescription drug orders shall have the name of the practitioner printed below
18 the practitioner's signature. A pharmacist shall not dispense a prescription which the
19 pharmacist knows or should know is not a valid prescription."

20 "(G) The signature of the practitioner in a manner as defined in regulations
21 promulgated by the board or, in the case of a controlled substances prescription, in
22 accordance with 21 C.F.R. 1301.22; the name of the practitioner shall be printed below
23 the practitioner's signature;"

24 "(8) Such prescription drug orders shall be printed in a type of a size and readability
25 equal to at least 12 point Times New Roman font."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.