

House Bill 1069 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Weldon of the 3rd, Harden of the 147th, Holt of the 112th, Dollar of the 45th, Taylor of the 79th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to revise the
3 definition of "security paper"; to revise a requirement relating to a seal; to provide for related
4 matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions regarding pharmacists and pharmacies, is amended by revising
9 paragraph (38.5) of Code Section 26-4-5, relating to definitions, as follows:

10 "(38.5) 'Security paper' means:

11 (A) A a prescription pad or paper that has been approved by the board for use and
12 contains the following characteristics:

13 ~~(A)~~(i) One or more industry recognized features designed to prevent unauthorized
14 copying of a completed or blank prescription form;

15 ~~(B)~~(ii) One or more industry recognized features designed to prevent the erasure or
16 modification of information written on the prescription form by the practitioner; and

17 ~~(C)~~(iii) One or more industry recognized features designed to prevent the use of
18 counterfeit prescription forms.

19 Where security paper is in the form of a prescription pad, each pad shall bear an
20 identifying lot number, and each piece of paper in the pad shall be numbered
21 sequentially beginning with the number one; or

22 (B) A prescription pad or paper that has been approved by the Centers for Medicare
23 and Medicaid Services."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 Said article is further amended by revising subsections (c) and (f) of Code Section 26-4-80.1,
26 relating to the use of security paper for hard copy prescription drug orders, as follows:

27 "(c) If a hard copy of an electronic data prescription drug order for any Schedule II
28 controlled substance is given directly to the patient, the manually signed hard copy
29 prescription drug order must be on ~~approved~~ security paper approved by the board that
30 meets the requirements of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (38.5) of Code Section 26-4-5
31 or security paper that meets the requirements of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (38.5) of
32 Code Section 26-4-5."

33 "(f) The board shall create a seal of approval that confirms that security paper contains all
34 three industry recognized characteristics required by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (38.5)
35 of Code Section 26-4-5. The seal shall be affixed to all security paper used in this state;
36 provided, however, that security paper which meets the requirements of subparagraph (B)
37 of paragraph (38.5) of Code Section 26-4-5 shall not be required to have such affixed seal."

38 **SECTION 3.**

39 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
40 without such approval.

41 **SECTION 4.**

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