

House Bill 209

By: Representatives Watson of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 158th, Cooper of the 43rd, Broadrick of the 4th, 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 requirements relating to use of security paper; to
4 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 "(38.5) 'Security paper' means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 Said article is further amended by revising subsections (c), (e), and (f) of Code Section
27 26-4-80.1, relating to the use of security paper for hard copy prescription drug orders, as
28 follows:

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

35 "(e) All vendors shall have their security paper approved by the board prior to marketing
36 or sale in this state unless the security paper meets the requirements of subparagraph (B)
37 of paragraph (38.5) of Code Section 26-4-5."

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

43 **SECTION 3.**

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

46 **SECTION 4.**

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