

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and
Senator Wasserman Schultz

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to drug prescriptions; creating
s. 456.42, F.S.; requiring written drug
prescriptions to be legibly printed or typed,
to contain certain information, and to be dated
and signed by the prescribing practitioner on
the day issued; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 456.42, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

456.42 Written prescriptions for medicinal drugs.--A
written prescription for a medicinal drug issued by a health
care practitioner licensed by law to prescribe such drug must
be legibly printed or typed so as to be capable of being
understood by the pharmacist filling the prescription; must
contain the name of the prescribing practitioner, the name and
strength of the drug prescribed, the quantity of the drug
prescribed in both textual and numerical formats, and the
directions for use of the drug; must be dated with the month
written out in textual letters; and must be signed by the
prescribing practitioner on the day when issued.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 2084

The Committee Substitute adds more specificity to the
requirements for written prescriptions for medicinal drugs.