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2 An act relating to drug prescriptions; creating
3 s. 456.42, F.S.; requiring written drug
4 prescriptions to be legibly printed or typed,
5 to contain certain information, and to be dated
6 and signed by the prescribing practitioner on
7 the day issued; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 456.42, Florida Statutes, is
12 created to read:

13 456.42 Written prescriptions for medicinal drugs.--A
14 written prescription for a medicinal drug issued by a health
15 care practitioner licensed by law to prescribe such drug must
16 be legibly printed or typed so as to be capable of being
17 understood by the pharmacist filling the prescription; must
18 contain the name of the prescribing practitioner, the name and
19 strength of the drug prescribed, the quantity of the drug
20 prescribed in both textual and numerical formats, and the
21 directions for use of the drug; must be dated with the month
22 written out in textual letters; and must be signed by the
23 prescribing practitioner on the day when issued.

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