



1 A bill to be entitled

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

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

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

12 456.42 Written prescriptions for medicinal drugs.--A  
13 written prescription for a medicinal drug issued by a health  
14 care practitioner licensed by law to prescribe such drug must be  
15 legibly printed or typed so as to be capable of being understood  
16 by the pharmacist filling the prescription; must contain the  
17 name of the prescribing practitioner, the name and strength of  
18 the drug prescribed, the quantity of the drug prescribed in both  
19 textual and numerical formats, and the directions for use of the  
20 drug; must be dated with the month written out in textual  
21 letters; and must be signed by the prescribing practitioner on  
22 the day when issued.

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