

By Senator Garcia

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to drug safety; amending s. 893.055,  
3           F.S.; requiring pharmacies to offer for sale  
4           prescription lock boxes; requiring pharmacies to  
5           display a certain sign; defining the term  
6           "prescription lock box"; requiring the Department of  
7           Health to develop and distribute a pamphlet; requiring  
8           the pamphlet to contain certain information; requiring  
9           pharmacists to distribute the pamphlet in certain  
10          circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacy from charging a  
11          fee for the pamphlet; providing an effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. Present subsections (15), (16), and (17) of  
16           section 893.055, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
17           subsections (17), (18), and (19), respectively, and new  
18           subsections (15) and (16) are added to that section, to read:

19           893.055 Prescription drug monitoring program.—

20           (15) Pharmacies shall offer for sale prescription lock  
21 boxes at each store location. Pharmacies shall make customers  
22 aware of the availability of the prescription lock boxes by  
23 displaying a sign on or near the pharmacy counter which measures  
24 at least 4 inches by 5 inches and includes the statement, in a  
25 legibly printed font, "Prescription Lock Boxes for Securing Your  
26 Prescription Medications Are Available at This Pharmacy." As  
27 used in this subsection, the term "prescription lock box" means  
28 a box or a bag with a locking mechanism that cannot be tampered  
29 with or opened without the application of extreme force.

30           (16) (a) The department shall develop a written pamphlet  
31 relating to controlled substances which includes educational  
32 information about the following:

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- 33       1. Precautions regarding the use of pain management  
34 prescriptions.
- 35       2. The potential for misuse and abuse of controlled  
36 substances by adults and children.
- 37       3. The risk of controlled substance dependency and  
38 addiction.
- 39       4. The proper storage and disposal of controlled  
40 substances.
- 41       5. Controlled substance addiction support and treatment  
42 resources.
- 43       6. Telephone helplines and website links that provide  
44 counseling and emergency assistance for individuals dealing with  
45 substance abuse.
- 46       (b) The department shall distribute copies of the pamphlet  
47 to pharmacies throughout the state and make the contents of the  
48 pamphlet available in electronic form on its website. A  
49 pharmacist shall distribute the pamphlet to a consumer when  
50 dispensing a prescription or a controlled substance and shall  
51 offer them to consumers in a display. Pharmacies may not charge  
52 consumers a fee for the pamphlet.
- 53       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.