

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Garcia

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

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

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16           Section 1. This act may be cited as "Victoria's Law."

17           Section 2. Present subsections (15), (16), and (17) of  
18           section 893.055, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
19           subsections (17), (18), and (19), respectively, and new  
20           subsections (15) and (16) are added to that section, to read:

21           893.055 Prescription drug monitoring program.—

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

32           (16) (a) The department shall develop a written pamphlet

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33 relating to controlled substances which includes educational  
34 information about the following:

35 1. Precautions regarding the use of pain management  
36 prescriptions.

37 2. The potential for misuse and abuse of controlled  
38 substances by adults and children.

39 3. The risk of controlled substance dependency and  
40 addiction.

41 4. The proper storage and disposal of controlled  
42 substances.

43 5. Controlled substance addiction support and treatment  
44 resources.

45 6. Telephone helplines and website links that provide  
46 counseling and emergency assistance for individuals dealing with  
47 substance abuse.

48 (b) The department shall distribute copies of the pamphlet  
49 to pharmacies throughout the state and make the contents of the  
50 pamphlet available in electronic form on its website. A  
51 pharmacist shall distribute the pamphlet to a consumer when  
52 dispensing a prescription or a controlled substance and shall  
53 offer them to consumers in a display. Pharmacies may not charge  
54 consumers a fee for the pamphlet.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.