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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"; authorizing the
7 Department of Health to develop and distribute a
8 pamphlet containing certain information; providing for
9 the distribution of the pamphlet by pharmacists 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.

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32 (16) (a) The department may develop a written pamphlet
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) If the department develops a written pamphlet relating
49 to controlled substances, the department shall distribute copies
50 of the pamphlet to pharmacies throughout the state and make the
51 contents of the pamphlet available in electronic form on its
52 website. If copies of the pamphlet are provided by the
53 department, a pharmacist shall distribute the pamphlet to a
54 consumer when dispensing a prescription or a controlled
55 substance and shall offer them to consumers in a display.
56 Pharmacies may not charge consumers a fee for the pamphlet.

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