

By Mr. Bertonazzi of Milford, petition of Leo M. Lawless that pharmacists be required to maintain a patient profile record system. Health Care.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

**AN ACT REQUIRING PHARMACISTS TO MAINTAIN A PATIENT PROFILE RECORD SYSTEM.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after section 42A the following section:—

3 *Section 42B.* A patient profile record system shall be main-  
4 tained in all pharmacies for persons for whom prescriptions are  
5 dispensed. The patient profile record system shall be devised so as  
6 to enable the immediate retrieval of information necessary to  
7 enable the dispensing pharmacist to identify previously dispensed  
8 medication at the time a prescription is presented for dispensing.  
9 One profile card may be maintained for all members of a family  
10 living at the same address and possessing the same family name.

11 The following information shall be recorded:

12 (1) the family name and the first name of the person for whom  
13 the medication is intended (the Patient) and,

14 (2) the address of the patient and,

15 (3) an indication of the patient's age group (e.g. infant, child,  
16 adult) and,

17 (4) the original date the medication is dispensed pursuant to  
18 the receipt of a physician's prescription and,

19 (5) the number or designation identifying the prescription and,

20 (6) the prescriber's name and,

21 (7) the name, strength and quantity of the drug dispensed and,

22 (8) the initials of the dispensing pharmacist, and the date of  
23 dispensing medication as a renewal (refill) if said initials and such  
24 date are not recorded on the back of the original prescription.

25 The pharmacist shall attempt to ascertain and shall record any  
26 allergies and idiosyncrasies of the patient and any chronic  
27 conditions which may relate to drug utilization as communicated  
28 to the pharmacy by the patient.

29 Upon receipt of a prescription a pharmacist shall examine the  
30 patient's profile record before dispensing the medication to  
31 determine the possibility of a harmful drug interaction or  
32 reaction. Upon recognizing a potential harmful reaction or  
33 interaction, the pharmacist shall take appropriate action to avoid  
34 or minimize the problem which shall, if necessary, include  
35 consultation with the physician.

36 A patient profile record shall be maintained for a period of not  
37 less than two years from the date of the last entry in the profile  
38 record.