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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 24, 1970.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill providing for the use of generic names for prescription drugs (House, No. 523), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5222).

For the committee,

RAYMOND M. LAFONTAINE.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT WHEN A DRUG IS PRESCRIBED BY BRAND NAME ITS GENERIC OR CHEMICAL NAME SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESCRIPTION.

*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 12B the following section:—
- 3 *Section 12C.* Every physician who prescribes a drug by
- 4 brand name shall, in every such prescription, oral or written,
- 5 also include the generic name or the chemical name of such
- 6 drug, if any.