

Comment Report

HF 2252

A bill for an act relating to ensuring the provision of accessible prescription-related measures for persons who are blind, have a visual impairment, or otherwise have print disabilities.(See HF 2456.)

Subcommittee Members: Young-CH, Best, Forbes

Date: 02/08/2024

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: House Lounge

Name: Donald Shepherd

Comment: I wish to support the Accessible Prescription Labelling bill Some pharmacies already provide adequate labeling, but this is not a requirement. It can and does get discontinued at any time causing a blind person to find another source, if they can or risk making serious mistakes in taking their medicine. As many blind people are elderly, they may be taking several drugs to keep straight. Life can depend on getting this right.

Name: Shawn Mayo

Comment: I strongly support the accessible prescription labeling bill. As a blind Iowan that needs to take over 10 prescriptions daily due to heart disease, Type 1 diabetes, and rheumatoid arthritis, it is vital I take the correct medications. My prescriptions and doses can change or the distributor changes which makes the pill shape different and unidentifiable by touch. Making the labels would be an easy change as the technology already exists and some pharmacies already make their medications accessible. This should not cost the state any additional funds. Thank you for caring about the health of myself and other blind Iowans so we can keep contributing to our wonderful state of Iowa.

Name: Don Wirth

Comment: I am writing in support of requiring accessible prescription labeling. Through my employment insurance plan, I have access to accessible labeling for my prescriptions. As a blind man, I do not know how I would manage my prescriptions without it. Most prescriptions come in identical bottles. Without labeling, it would be impossible to determine which prescription is which. All Iowans should have this access regardless of their insurance provider.

I am writing in support of requiring all pharmacies to provide accessible prescriptions. Through my employer's plan, I have access to a pharmacy that provides both braille and audible labels for my prescriptions. Without these features, I would not be able to determine which prescription is which since nearly all prescriptions come in identical bottles.

These accessibility features should be available to all Iowans from all pharmacies for the health and safety of the disabled patient.