

House File 2456 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2252)

(COMPANION TO SF 2022 BY ZAUN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to ensuring the provision of accessible
2 prescription-related measures for persons who are
3 blind, have a visual impairment, or otherwise have print
4 disabilities.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 155A.49 Accessible
2 prescription-related measures for persons who are blind,
3 visually impaired, or otherwise have print disabilities — rules.

4 1. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
5 to ensure that no later than October 31, 2024, a person who
6 is blind, has a visual impairment, or otherwise has a print
7 disability has appropriate access to prescription drug labels,
8 bag tags, and medical guides. The accessibility measures shall
9 meet all of the following requirements:

10 a. Be provided at no additional cost to such persons.

11 b. Provide information in a format that is fully accessible
12 to a person who is blind, has a visual impairment, or otherwise
13 has a print disability.

14 c. Provide information to a person who is blind, has a
15 visual impairment, or otherwise has a print disability within
16 a time frame comparable to the time frame within which the
17 information is provided to a person who is not blind, does not
18 have a visual impairment, or does not otherwise have a print
19 disability.

20 2. In adopting rules under this section, the board shall
21 solicit input from persons who are blind, have a visual
22 impairment, or otherwise have a print disability.

23 3. The rules adopted under this section shall meet all of
24 the following requirements:

25 a. Comply with the guidelines and recommendations in the
26 United States government accountability office report published
27 in December 2016, entitled "Prescription Drug Labels: Actions
28 Needed to Increase Awareness of Best Practices for Accessible
29 Labels for Individuals Who are Blind or Visually Impaired".

30 b. Include a method for providing notice to the public
31 that accessible prescription drug labels, bag tags, and
32 medical guides are available, including notice regarding the
33 availability of the prescription drug labels, bag tags, and
34 medical guides in audio format.

35 4. The board shall submit a report to the governor and the

1 general assembly by January 1, 2025, which includes information
2 regarding progress in the implementation of the rules,
3 recommendations regarding additional measures for improving
4 accessibility, and projected costs of implementing enhanced
5 dispensing fees to defray the costs of providing accessible
6 prescription drug labels, bag tags, and medical guides to
7 persons who are blind, have a visual impairment, or otherwise
8 have a print disability.

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EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill requires the board of pharmacy to adopt
13 administrative rules no later than October 31, 2024, to
14 ensure that a person who is blind, has a visual impairment,
15 or otherwise has a print disability has appropriate access to
16 prescription drug labels, bag tags, and medical guides. The
17 accessibility measures shall be provided at no additional cost
18 to such person, provide information in a format that is fully
19 accessible to a person who is blind, has a visual impairment,
20 or otherwise has a print disability, and provide information to
21 a person who is blind, has a visual impairment, or otherwise
22 has a print disability within a time frame comparable to the
23 time frame within which the information is provided to a
24 person who is not blind, does not have a visual impairment, or
25 otherwise does not have a print disability.

26 The board is required to solicit input in developing the
27 rules from persons who are blind, have a visual impairment,
28 or otherwise have a print disability. The rules shall comply
29 with the guidelines and recommendations in the United States
30 government accountability office report published in December
31 2016, entitled "Prescription Drug Labels: Actions Needed to
32 Increase Awareness of Best Practices for Accessible Labels for
33 Individuals Who are Blind or Visually Impaired", and shall
34 include a method for providing notice to the public that
35 accessible prescription drug labels, bag tags, and medical

1 guides are available.

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3 general assembly by January 1, 2025, which includes information
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8 prescription drug labels, bag tags, and medical guides to
9 persons who are blind, have a visual impairment, or otherwise
10 have a print disability.