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**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.

2     The board shall submit a report to the governor and the  
3 general assembly by January 1, 2025, which includes information  
4 regarding progress in the implementation of the rules,  
5 recommendations regarding additional measures for improving  
6 accessibility, and projected costs of implementing enhanced  
7 dispensing fees to defray the costs of providing accessible  
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.