

Senate File 202 - Introduced

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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 blind, have
3 a visual impairment, or otherwise have print disabilities.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **155A.49 Accessible**
2 **prescription-related measures for persons who are blind, visually**
3 **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, 2025, 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 visual
15 impairment, or otherwise has a print disability within a time
16 frame comparable to the time frame within which the information
17 is provided to a person who is not blind, does not have a visual
18 impairment, or does not otherwise have a print disability.

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

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

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

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

34 4. The board shall submit a report to the governor and the
35 general assembly by January 1, 2026, which includes information

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

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill requires the board of pharmacy to adopt
12 administrative rules no later than October 31, 2025, to ensure
13 that a person who is blind, has a visual impairment, or otherwise
14 has a print disability has appropriate access to prescription
15 drug labels, bag tags, and medical guides. The accessibility
16 measures shall be provided at no additional cost to such person,
17 provide information in a format that is fully accessible to a
18 person who is blind, has a visual impairment, or otherwise has
19 a print disability, and provide information to a person who
20 is blind, has a visual impairment, or otherwise has a print
21 disability within a time frame comparable to the time frame
22 within which the information is provided to a person who is not
23 blind, does not have a visual impairment, or otherwise does not
24 have a print disability.

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