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## REQUESTED AMENDMENT FOR SENATE BILL 387 – SENATOR TITUS

Revises provisions relating to drugs and prescriptions.

On behalf of Retail Association of Nevada, Chain Drug Committee

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that a doctor may prescribe any pharmaceutical products, regardless of price, if that doctor deems this necessary for the care of his/her patient, it further adds language to include the ability currently in law of a doctor to use facsimile, PDA, or other electronic prescribing; also, only allow "Dispense as Written" or "D.A.W" for non-substitutable.

The amendment will also remove language that unnecessarily burdened the pharmacy with a requirement to obtain pricing that is not now available, and clarifies that pricing will not effect specific instructions of a medical doctor. And will clarify that these provisions apply to pharmacies within and without the State.

## LANGUAGE

Section 1, sub 1, page 1 lines 7 and 8

Add after: by oral communication or in the case of an electronically transmitted prescription, including faxed prescriptions, the practitioner expressly indicates to the pharmacist that the brand name drug prescribed is medically necessary by indicating "Dispense As Written", that a substitution is prohibited,

Section 1, sub 3, page 2 lines 19 through 22

Delete (b) entirely and renumber (c) on line 23 to indicate new (b)

Section 1, sub 5, page 2 lines 31 through 33

After after: disregard the words, delete "dispense only as written" and "Dispense as Written".

On lines 32 & 33 delete "or any word or abbreviations with a similar import or meaning"

One line 38 at end of sentence add, "or in the case of electronic prescriptions, clear indication to Dispense as Written."

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Section 1, sub 6, page 2, line 42

Add language at the end of sentence: ", or the practitioner has indicated that a specific alternative product is medically necessary".

Section 1, sub 7, line 43

After "provisions of this section" add the word "also"

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

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