ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 119–ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAMS

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing specification of expiration date for certain drugs or medicines. (BDR 54-238)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **[**~~omitted material~~**]** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to prescriptions; prohibiting a practitioner from specifying on the label or other device for a drug or medicine an expiration date that is earlier than the expiration date specified by the manufacturer of the drug or medicine; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 639.2801 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.2801 Unless specified to the contrary in writing on the prescription by the prescribing practitioner, all prescriptions filled by any practitioner must be dispensed in a container to which is affixed a label or other device which clearly shows:

1. The date.
2. The name, address and prescription serial number of the practitioner who filled the prescription.
3. The names of the prescribing practitioner and of the person for whom prescribed.
4. The number of dosage units.
5. Specific directions for use given by the prescribing practitioner.

6. The expiration date of the effectiveness of the drug or medicine dispensed, if that information is required ***to be included*** on the original label of the manufacturer of ~~[that]~~ ***the*** drug or medicine. ~~[If the]~~ ***The practitioner shall not specify on the label or other device for the drug or medicine an*** expiration date ***that is earlier than the expiration date*** specified by the manufacturer ~~[is not less than 1 year from the date of dispensing, the practitioner may use 1 year from the date of dispensing as the expiration date.]~~ ***on the original label.***

7. The proprietary or generic name of the drug or medicine as written by the prescribing practitioner.

8. The strength of the drug or medicine.

The label must contain the warning:

Caution: Do not use with alcohol or nonprescribed drugs without consulting the prescribing practitioner.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.