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AN ACT concerning the use of New Jersey Prescription Blanks and amending P.L.2003, c.280.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 18 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-57) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:14-57 Requirements for prescription to be filled.

18. a. A prescription issued by a practitioner or health care facility licensed in New Jersey shall not be filled by a pharmacist unless the prescription is issued on a New Jersey Prescription Blank bearing the practitioner's license number or the unique provider number assigned to a health care facility.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section to the contrary, a practitioner or health care facility licensed in New Jersey may utilize an electronic health record program to imprint the practitioner's name and license number or the unique provider number assigned to a health care facility on a blank New Jersey Prescription Blank for transmission to a pharmacist, provided that:

(1) any other requirements under section 20 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-59) and any regulations adopted by the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety concerning New Jersey Prescription Blanks are met; and

(2) the electronic health record program will imprint on the blank form all such identifying information about the prescriber as is required by regulation of the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs.

2. The Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act.

3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment, but the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs may take such anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

Approved January 17, 2010.