

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 251—ASSEMBLYMEN NGUYEN, MOSCA,  
GONZÁLEZ, BRITTNEY MILLER; D’SILVA AND TORRES

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR NGUYEN

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing prescriptions.  
(BDR 54-1006)

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 pharmacy; revising requirements governing the language in which certain information relating to a prescription must be provided to a patient; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires a prescription be dispensed in a container with a label or other device that provides certain information about the prescription. (NRS 639.2801) Existing law requires the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations prescribing every language this information is required to be provided in based on demographic trends and projections. (NRS 639.28013) This bill removes the requirement for the Board to adopt such regulations and instead requires each pharmacy to provide the information in the 10 languages mostly commonly spoken at home in this State, as determined by the most recent decennial census.

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

**Section 1.** NRS 639.28013 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.28013 1. Each pharmacy, except for an institutional pharmacy, shall, upon the request of a prescribing practitioner, a patient or an authorized representative of a patient, provide the



1 information required by subsection 6 of NRS 639.2801 in English  
2 and any language in which the information is required to be  
3 provided pursuant to subsection 3.

4 2. Each pharmacy subject to the requirements of subsection 1  
5 shall post in a conspicuous place:

6 (a) Notice of the rights of a patient to request information in a  
7 language other than English pursuant to subsection 1; and

8 (b) A list of every language in which such information is  
9 available.

10 3. ~~{The Board}~~ *Each pharmacy* shall ~~{adopt regulations~~  
11 ~~prescribing every language in which a pharmacy is required to}~~  
12 provide *the* information required by NRS 639.2801 ~~{The}~~ *in the 10*  
13 ~~languages in which a pharmacy is required to provide such~~  
14 ~~information must be specified by the regulations adopted by the~~  
15 ~~Board pursuant to this section based on demographic trends and~~  
16 ~~projections.}~~ *most commonly spoken at home in this State, as*  
17 *determined by the most recent decennial census conducted by the*  
18 *Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of*  
19 *Commerce.*

20 4. The Board may adopt such ~~{other}~~ regulations as are  
21 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

22 5. If a pharmacy enters into a contract with a third party for the  
23 translation of the information that the pharmacy is required to  
24 provide pursuant to this section, the pharmacy and any employee of  
25 the pharmacy are not liable in any civil action for any injury  
26 resulting from the translation by the third party which is not the  
27 result of negligence, recklessness or deliberate misconduct of the  
28 pharmacy or employee.

