

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 614

An Act to require the Board of Pharmacy to develop public awareness of proper methods of drug disposal.

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Approved April 2, 2020

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Board of Pharmacy shall determine methods to enhance public awareness of proper drug disposal methods, which may include requirements for pharmacies or hospitals or clinics with an on-site pharmacy to provide such information to customers and the public through the provision of informative pamphlets, the posting of signs in public areas of the pharmacy, and the posting of information on public-facing websites. The Board of Pharmacy shall also assemble a group of stakeholders to develop strategies to increase the number of permissible drug disposal sites and options for the legal disposal of drugs, including pharmacies and hospitals and clinics with an on-site pharmacy that are authorized collectors and other sites legally permitted for drug disposal, and the legal return of unused drugs by mail. Such stakeholders shall include the Virginia Pharmacists Association, the Virginia Association of Free Clinics, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Virginia Society of Health System Pharmacists, the Virginia Association of Drug Stores, and any other relevant stakeholders. Strategies developed by the Board of Pharmacy and stakeholders shall take into account the geographic proximity and availability of drug disposal sites in localities across the Commonwealth and existing resources. The Board shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than November 15, 2020.*