VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1998 SESSION

CHAPTER 597

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-3420.2, relating to prescription drug delivery.

[S 654]

Approved April 15, 1998

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-3420.2 as follows: § 54.1-3420.2. Delivery of prescription drug order.

Whenever any pharmacy permitted to operate in this Commonwealth or nonresident pharmacy registered to conduct business in the Commonwealth delivers a prescription drug order by mail, common carrier, or delivery service, when the drug order is not personally hand delivered directly, to the patient or his agent at the person's residence or other designated location, the following conditions shall be required:

1. Written notice shall be placed in each shipment alerting the consumer that under certain circumstances chemical degradation of drugs may occur; and

2. Written notice shall be placed in each shipment providing a toll-free or local consumer access telephone number which is designed to respond to consumer questions pertaining to chemical degradation of drugs.