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## SENATE BILL NO. 654

Offered January 26, 1998

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

Patrons—Edwards; Delegate: Darner

Referred to the Committee on Education and Health

**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 to the patient or his agent at the person's residence or other designated location, the following conditions shall be required:*

*1. Shipping containers which ensure drug stability and potency by maintaining the storage temperature set forth in the United States Pharmacopoeial XXII-NF XVII for recommended conditions as commonly specified on product labels;*

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

*3. Written notice shall be placed in each shipment of the individual drug sensory warning indicators which identify chemical degradation of the product shipped; and*

*4. Written notice shall be placed in each shipment, providing a toll-free consumer access telephone number which is dedicated solely to responding to consumer questions pertaining to chemical degradation of drugs.*

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