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Introduced by Members Sossaman, Bloom, Kelley, Schoenburg of District 8

AN ACT

RELATING to Narcotics; Providing That Prescriptions for Narcotics Shall be Written in Triplicate on Official Order Blanks; Amending Section 36-1006, Arizona Revised Statutes, and Amending Title 36, Chapter 9, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Section 36-1006.01.

1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2. Section 1. Sec. 36-1006, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3. read:
4. 36-1006. SALES BY PHARMACISTS; OFFICIAL BLANKS IN
5. TRIPPLICATE
6. A. *[An apothecary]* A PHARMACIST, in good faith, may sell and
7. dispense narcotic drugs to any person upon RECEIPT OF THE
8. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY OF a written prescription ORDER of a
9. physician, osteopath, dentist or veterinarian, dated and signed by the
10. person prescribing on the day when issued and bearing the full name
11. and address of the patient for whom, or of the owner of the animal for
12. which, the drug is dispensed, and the full name, address and registry
13. number under the federal narcotic laws of the person prescribing, if he
14. is required by those laws to be so registered. If the prescription ORDER
15. is for an animal, it shall state the species of animal for which the drug is
16. prescribed. The *[person]* PHARMACIST filling the prescription
17. ORDER shall write the date of filling and his own signature on the face
18. of the ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY OF THE prescription ORDER.
19. The ORIGINAL prescription ORDER shall be retained on file by the
20. proprietor of the pharmacy in which it is filled for a period of *[two]*

1. THREE years, so as to be readily accessible for inspection by any
2. public officer or employee engaged in the enforcement of this article.
3. THE COPY OF THE PRESCRIPTION ORDER SHALL BE
4. FORWARDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
5. AT THE END OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE PRESCRIPTION
6. WAS FILLED. The prescription ORDER shall not be refilled.
7. B. In lieu of a written prescription ORDER for such narcotic drugs
8. or compounds of narcotic drugs designated by the federal *[narcotics*
9. *commissioner]* BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS
10. DRUGS and the board of pharmacy in compliance with law, as having
11. relatively little or no addiction liability, the sale, dispensing, or
12. distribution of such drugs may be made by *[an apothecary]* A
13. PHARMACIST to a consumer upon oral prescription ORDER of a duly
14. registered physician, osteopath, dentist or veterinarian, which oral
15. prescription ORDER is reduced promptly to writing and the writing
16. filed within twenty-four hours and preserved by the *[apothecary]*
17. PHARMACIST for a period of *[two]* THREE years from the date on
18. which such prescription ORDER is filled in such a way as to be readily
19. accessible for official inspection. Such an oral prescription ORDER
20. shall not be refilled. In issuing an oral prescription ORDER, the
21. prescriber shall furnish the *[apothecary]* PHARMACIST with the same
22. information as is required by law or regulation in case of a written
23. prescription ORDER for narcotic drugs or compounds of a narcotic
24. drug except for the written signature of the prescriber, and the
25. REQUIREMENT THAT IT BE IN TRIPLICATE AND THE
26. *[apothecary]* PHARMACIST who fills such prescription ORDER shall
27. be required to inscribe such information on the written record of the
28. prescription ORDER made, filed and preserved by him and shall
29. inscribe on the label of the container of the narcotic drug or compound
30. of a narcotic drug the same information as is required in filling a
31. written prescription ORDER.
32. C. The legal owner of any stock of narcotic drugs in a pharmacy,
33. upon discontinuance of dealing in *[said]* SUCH drugs, may sell *[said]*
34. SUCH stock to a manufacturer, wholesaler or apothecary, but only on
35. an official written order.
36. D. *[An apothecary]* A PHARMACIST, but only on an official
37. written order, may sell to a physician, dentist, osteopath or
38. veterinarian, in quantities not exceeding one ounce at any one time,
39. aqueous or oleaginous solutions of which the content of narcotic drugs
40. does not exceed a proportion greater than twenty per cent of the
41. complete solution, to be used for medical purposes.
42. Sec. 2, Title 36, chapter 9, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
43. amended by adding Section 36-1006.01, to read:
44. NEW SEC. 36-1006.01. OFFICIAL PRESCRIPTION BLANKS TO
45. BE USED; EXCEPTIONS; FURNISHING OF BLANKS; RETENTION

- 1. OF COPY; REPORT OF LOSS OR THEFT; EXCEPTION;
- 2. VIOLATION
- 3. A. Prescription orders for narcotics shall be issued on official
- 4. prescription order blanks issued by the state department of public
- 5. safety, except in cases of epidemic, accident or calamity where failure
- 6. to issue a prescription order might result in death or intense suffering.
- 7. In such cases of epidemic, accident, or calamity prescription orders may
- 8. be issued on any form, but such prescription order shall bear a
- 9. statement by the prescriber describing the circumstances of such
- 10. epidemic, accident or calamity and reasons for not using the official
- 11. prescription order blank.
- 12. B. Prescription order blanks shall be printed on distinctive paper
- 13. and each form shall be serially numbered.
- 14. C. Serially numbered groups of one hundred nontransferable
- 15. prescription order blanks each, in triplicate, shall be furnished free of
- 16. cost by the state department of public safety to any person authorized
- 17. to write a narcotic prescription order. No more than one such group of
- 18. order blanks shall be issued or furnished to a person at any one time.
- 19. D. All prescription orders issued shall be written in triplicate. The
- 20. person issuing such order shall retain one copy of all prescription orders
- 21. issued for a period of three years and keep such copies available and
- 22. open to inspection by any public officer or employee engaged in the
- 23. enforcement of this article. The original and one copy of the
- 24. prescription order shall be given to the person for whom the
- 25. prescription is intended.
- 26. E. In the event of loss or theft of official prescription order blanks,
- 27. the person to whom such order blanks were issued shall report such loss
- 28. or theft to the state department of public safety by registered or
- 29. certified mail within seventy-two hours of the discovery of such loss or
- 30. theft. The report shall include any particulars or facts surrounding the
- 31. loss or theft.
- 32. F. The provisions of this section do not apply to prescriptions for
- 33. narcotic drugs not requiring a written prescription under subsection B
- 34. of Section 36-1006.
- 35. G. Any person possessing an official prescription order blank
- 36. otherwise than as provided for in this section is guilty of a
- 37. misdemeanor.
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