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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-1976, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CONTACT LENSES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 32-1976, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 32-1976. Dispensing replacement soft contact lenses:
5 prescription requirements; notice
6 A. A prescription order for replacement soft contact lenses may be
7 dispensed ~~under~~ IF THE ORDER MEETS ALL OF the following conditions:
8 1. ~~The prescription order shall be~~ IS in the form required by this
9 chapter and ~~shall include~~ INCLUDES the name of the prescribing physician or
10 optometrist.
11 2. ~~The prescription order~~ Contains the date of issuance.
12 3. ~~The prescription order for contact lenses~~ Includes the lens brand
13 name, type, ~~AND~~ tint and all other specifications necessary to accurately
14 dispense the prescription.
15 B. The prescription shall be dispensed with the exact lenses
16 prescribed and no substitutions shall be made. The expiration date of the
17 prescription shall be the earlier of the expiration date provided by the
18 prescribing physician or optometrist or ~~one year~~ THREE YEARS after the date
19 of issuance. IF THE PRESCRIPTION IS FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN THREE YEARS,
20 THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN OR OPTOMETRIST SHALL STATE THE HEALTH-RELATED
21 REASON FOR THE SHORTER PERIOD ON THE PRESCRIPTION ORDER. A refill of a
22 prescription that is within sixty days of its expiration date shall be filled
23 with ~~no more than the~~ A sufficient quantity of replacement soft contact
24 lenses needed through the PRESCRIPTION'S expiration date IN ACCORDANCE WITH
25 THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S PACKAGING STANDARDS.
26 C. The prescription shall be dispensed with a written notice
27 containing the following wording or its substantial equivalent:
28 Warning: If you are having any unexplained eye discomfort,
29 watering, vision change or redness, remove your lenses
30 immediately and consult your eye care practitioner before
31 wearing your lenses again.
32 D. Any advertisement by a pharmacy or pharmacist for replacement soft
33 contact lenses shall include all charges associated with the purchase of
34 replacement soft contact lenses from the pharmacy or pharmacist.