

1 AN ACT relating to pharmacies.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Pharmacy Practice Act of 1987 is amended
5 by changing Section 18 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 85/18) (from Ch. 111, par. 4138)

7 Sec. 18. Record retention.

8 (a) There shall be kept in every drugstore or pharmacy a
9 suitable book, file, or electronic record keeping system in
10 which shall be preserved for a period of not less than 5
11 years the original of every written prescription and the
12 original transcript or copy of every verbal prescription
13 filled, compounded, or dispensed, in such pharmacy; and such
14 book or file of prescriptions shall at all reasonable times
15 be open to inspection to the pharmacy coordinator and the
16 duly authorized agents or employees of the Department.

17 (b) Records kept pursuant to this Section may be
18 maintained in an alternative data retention system, such as
19 a direct digital imaging system, provided that:

20 (1) the records maintained in the alternative data
21 retention system contain all of the information required
22 in a manual record;

23 (2) the data processing system is capable of
24 producing a hard copy of the electronic record on the
25 request of the Board, its representative, or other
26 authorized local, State, or federal law enforcement or
27 regulatory agency; and

28 (3) the digital images are recorded and stored only
29 by means of a technology that does not allow subsequent
30 revision or replacement of the images.

31 As used in this Section, "digital imaging system" means a

1 system, including people, machines, methods of organization,
2 and procedures, that provides input, storage, processing,
3 communications, output, and control functions for digitized
4 representations of original prescription records.

5 Inpatient drug orders may be maintained within an
6 institution in a manner approved by the Department.

7 (c) A pharmacy may not disclose information in its
8 records in a manner that identifies the physician who
9 authorized a prescription or the person to or for whom a
10 prescription was dispensed, except at the request of the
11 person to or for whom the prescription was dispensed, for the
12 purpose of verifying, refilling, or transferring the
13 prescription, or as provided in subsection (a). A pharmacy
14 may not sell information from its records that identifies
15 physicians, patients, federal drug identification numbers, or
16 the quantities of drugs dispensed.

17 (Source: P.A. 90-253, eff. 7-29-97.)