

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1008

Chapter 68, Laws of 1991

52nd Legislature
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OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS LABEL INFORMATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/28/91

Passed by the House March 19, 1991
Yeas 97 Nays 0

JOE KING
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 10, 1991
Yeas 45 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD
President of the Senate

Approved May 3, 1991

BOOTH GARDNER
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1008** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

ALAN THOMPSON
Chief Clerk

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State of Washington

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Dellwo, Wineberry and Winsley).

Read first time February 22, 1991.

1 AN ACT Relating to label information for over-the-counter
2 medications; adding a new section to chapter 69.60 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that printed
6 material on labels and notices packaged with nonprescription drugs may
7 be difficult to read. This difficulty presents a potential danger to
8 the health and safety of customers, therefore, every effort should be
9 made to print these materials in a manner that makes them more
10 comprehensible.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 69.60 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) Manufacturers of nonprescription drugs that are sold in this
14 state shall evaluate and may modify the labeling of nonprescription

1 drugs to maximize the readability and clarity of label information, in
2 both the cognitive and visual sense. The nonprescription drug
3 manufacturers association is requested to report on a quarterly basis
4 to, and seek advise from, the board of pharmacy, which may appoint an
5 advisory committee to assist the board, regarding the progress made by
6 the nonprescription drug industry with respect to the readability and
7 clarity of labeling information.

8 (2) The board of pharmacy shall report to the legislature by
9 December 1, 1993, regarding the progress made by the nonprescription
10 drug industry with respect to the readability and clarity of labeling
11 information.

12 (3) This section shall expire on March 31, 1994.

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