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HOUSE BILL 1008

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By Representatives O'Brien, Dellwo, Wineberry and Winsley.

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

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:

1 No over-the-counter medication may be manufactured or commercially  
2 distributed within this state unless the label meets requirements  
3 established by the board to assure readability and clarity of label  
4 information.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The board of pharmacy shall evaluate the  
6 labeling of over-the-counter drugs for readability and clarity of label  
7 information. By January 1, 1992, the board shall adopt rules to take  
8 effect January 1, 1993, establishing minimum requirements for label  
9 information for over-the-counter medications.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this act shall take effect  
11 January 1, 1993.