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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6094
BILL NUMBER: SB 10

DATE PREPARED: Mar 3, 1999
BILL AMENDED: Mar 3, 1999

SUBJECT: Generic Drug Substitutions.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill specifies that a legend drug must be dispensed with the drug product specified on the prescription or drug order or by authorization of the practitioner. It specifies that a "generically equivalent drug product" means a multiple source drug product containing identical active ingredients. The bill also prohibits dispensing a legend drug except as provided in the legend drug act. The bill requires that only generically equivalent drug products may be substituted under the generic drugs law.

This bill also adds advanced practice nurses to the definition of "practitioner" in the generic drugs law. It also requires the pharmacist to inform the customer when a generic substitution is made. The bill also repeals the definition of "chemically equivalent drug products". (The introduced version of this bill was drafted by the Interim Study Committee on Health Issues.)

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: