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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6094
BILL NUMBER: SB 10

DATE PREPARED: Apr 30, 1999
BILL AMENDED: Apr 29, 1999

SUBJECT: Generic Drug Substitutions.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (CCR Amended) This bill requires a legend drug be dispensed with the drug product specified on the prescription or drug order or by authorization of the practitioner. The bill requires a pharmacist who fills a prescription for a legend drug to comply with generic drug laws and drug regimen laws. The bill also allows a hospital based pharmacist to fill a drug order for a legend drug according to the hospital's protocols.

This bill also specifies that a "generically equivalent drug product" means a multiple source drug product containing identical active ingredients. It prohibits dispensing a legend drug except as provided in the Legend Drug Act. It also requires that only generically equivalent drug products may be substituted under the generic drug laws.

The bill also adds advanced practice nurses to the definition of "practitioner" in the generic drug laws. It also requires a pharmacist to inform a customer whenever a generic substitution is made.

Effective Date: (Amended) 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: