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# SENATE BILL No. 25

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-26-13-16.2.

**Synopsis:** Notification of substitution for epileptic drugs. Requires a pharmacist to notify the prescribing physician and inform the patient if the pharmacist selects a drug other than the brand name drug listed on an antiepileptic drug prescription.

**Effective:** July 1, 2011.

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January 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-26-13-16.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 16.2. (a) As used in this section,**  
4 **"antiepileptic drug" means a drug that is used for one (1) of the**  
5 **following:**

- 6 (1) **The treatment of epilepsy.**
- 7 (2) **The treatment or prevention of seizures.**
- 8 (b) **If a pharmacist is filling a prescription for an antiepileptic**
- 9 **drug and the pharmacist selects a product, including an equivalent**
- 10 **generic drug, other than the brand name drug specified on the**
- 11 **prescription, the pharmacist shall do the following:**
- 12 (1) **Notify the prescriber of the drug product selection made**
- 13 **by the pharmacist.**
- 14 (2) **Inform the patient or the patient's representative of the**
- 15 **drug product selection.**
- 16 (c) **The pharmacist may not unreasonably delay dispensing a**
- 17 **valid prescription for an antiepileptic drug on the sole basis of not**



1 **having yet made the notification required under subsection (b)(1).**

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