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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 3370

02/17/2020 Authored by Koegel The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health care; requiring pharmacists to dispense a prescription using an
1.3 audible container label or braille container label for patients who are visually
1.4 impaired or blind; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.212, by adding
1.5 a subdivision.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.212, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 4. Accessible prescription drug container labels. (a) A pharmacist must dispense
1.10 a prescription drug to a patient who is visually impaired or blind using an audible prescription
1.11 drug container label, or a braille prescription drug container label, unless the patient requests
1.12 a regular container label. The label must contain the information required under subdivisions
1.13 1 and 2.

1.14 (b) The pharmacy must not charge an extra fee or surcharge to the patient for providing
1.15 an audible or braille container label.

1.16 (c) This subdivision does not apply to drugs dispensed by a licensed veterinarian.

1.17 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2021.