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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Galvano) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Substitute for Amendment (126704) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete line 51  
5 and insert:

6           Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 456.42, Florida  
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8           456.42 Written prescriptions for medicinal drugs.—

9           (2) A written prescription for a controlled substance  
10 listed in chapter 893 must have the quantity of the drug



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11 prescribed in both textual and numerical formats, must be dated  
12 in numeric month/day/year format, or with the abbreviated month  
13 written out, or the month written out in whole ~~on the face of~~  
14 ~~the prescription~~, and must be either written on a standardized  
15 counterfeit-proof prescription pad produced by a vendor approved  
16 by the department or electronically prescribed as that term is  
17 used in s. 408.0611. As a condition of being an approved vendor,  
18 a prescription pad vendor must submit a monthly report to the  
19 department that ~~which~~, at a minimum, documents the number of  
20 prescription pads sold and identifies the purchasers. The  
21 department may, by rule, require the reporting of additional  
22 information.

23 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
24 893.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

25 893.04 Pharmacist and practitioner.—

26 (2)

27 (d) Each written prescription prescribed by a practitioner  
28 in this state for a controlled substance listed in Schedule II,  
29 Schedule III, or Schedule IV must include both a written and a  
30 numerical notation of the quantity of the controlled substance  
31 prescribed ~~on the face of the prescription~~ and a legible  
32 notation of the date in numeric month/day/year format, or ~~7~~ with  
33 the abbreviated month written out, or the month written out in  
34 whole ~~on the face of the prescription~~. A pharmacist may, upon  
35 verification by the prescriber, document any information  
36 required by this paragraph. If the prescriber is not available  
37 to verify a prescription, the pharmacist may dispense the  
38 controlled substance but may insist that the person to whom the  
39 controlled substance is dispensed provide valid photographic



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40 identification. If a prescription includes a numerical notation  
41 of the quantity of the controlled substance or date, but does  
42 not include the quantity or date written out in textual format,  
43 the pharmacist may dispense the controlled substance without  
44 verification by the prescriber of the quantity or date if the  
45 pharmacy previously dispensed another prescription for the  
46 person to whom the prescription was written.

47 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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49 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Delete line 6

52 and insert:

53 the Board of Pharmacy; amending ss. 456.42 and 893.04,  
54 F.S.; requiring written prescriptions for specified  
55 controlled substances to be legibly dated in a  
56 specified format; providing an effective date.

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