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## DIGEST

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HB No. 660

**Abstract:** Prohibits a pharmacist from interchanging an antiepileptic drug without proper notification of the prescribing physician or patient.

Proposed law provides that the prescribing physician or patient, or a patient's parent, legal guardian, or spouse, be notified by a pharmacist prior to any interchange of an antiepileptic drug for the treatment of epilepsy.

Proposed law provides for penalties if a pharmacist interchanges an antiepileptic drug without the prior notification of the prescribing physician or patient, or a patient's parent, legal guardian, or spouse.

Proposed law provides for an exception to penalties if a pharmacist interchanges an antiepileptic drug without the prior notification of the prescribing physician or patient, or a patient's parent, legal guardian, or spouse for inpatients of a hospital or residents of a licensed nursing home.

Proposed law provides for definitions of "antiepileptic drug", "epilepsy", "interchange of an antiepileptic drug or formulation", and "seizure".

(Amends R.S. 37:1241(A)(18), (19), (20), (21), and (22); Adds R.S. 37:1164(57), (58), (59), and (60) and 1241(A)(23))