GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 234

Short Title:	Require Letter Grade Rating on Generic Drugs.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Bingham (Primary Sponsor); Rabin and Robinson.	
Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate.	

March 11, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT ENHANCING STANDARDS FOR PRESCRIBING EQUIVALENT DRUG PRODUCTS BY REQUIRING THESE PRODUCTS TO BE LABELED WITH THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION THERAPEUTIC EQUIVALENCE CODE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90-85.28(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) A pharmacist dispensing a prescription for a drug product prescribed by its brand name may select any equivalent drug product which meets all of the following standards:

(1) The manufacturer's ~~name and~~name; the distributor's name, if different from the manufacturer's ~~name,~~name; and the United States Food and Drug Administration therapeutic equivalence code shall appear on the label of the stock ~~package;~~package.

(2) It shall be manufactured in accordance with current good manufacturing ~~practices;~~practices.

(3) ~~Effective January 1, 1982, all~~All oral solid dosage forms shall have a logo, or other identification mark, or the product name to identify the manufacturer or ~~distributor;~~distributor.

(4) The manufacturer shall have adequate provisions for drug ~~recall; and~~recall.

(5) The manufacturer shall have adequate provisions for return of outdated drugs, through the distributor or otherwise."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2015.