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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191),  
2 entitled "An act providing for prescription drug monitoring;  
3 creating the ABC-MAP Board; establishing the Achieving Better  
4 Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program; and providing  
5 for unlawful acts and penalties," further providing for  
6 powers and duties of board.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 5 of the act of October 27, 2014  
10 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by  
11 Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, is amended  
12 by adding paragraphs to read:

13 Section 5. Powers and duties of board.

14 The board shall have the following powers and duties:

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16 (6) When in the process of making routine technological  
17 updates to the system, integrate the system with prescriber  
18 and dispenser electronic health information systems to  
19 provide enhanced electronic communication for the purpose of  
20 creating streamlined access and reducing human interaction

1 for functions that can otherwise be handled electronically.

2 (7) When in the process of making routine technological  
3 updates to the system, develop an automated process within  
4 the system to monitor information entered by prescribers and  
5 dispensers to detect potential abuse and to establish  
6 internal and real-time audits of patients and patient data.  
7 The advisory group shall establish professional criteria to  
8 properly identify and define irregular or potentially abusive  
9 patient behavior. The criteria shall be used to perform the  
10 real-time audit of patient data and produce a real-time alert  
11 for prescribers and dispensers. The board shall submit the  
12 criteria to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication  
13 as a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The board shall  
14 solicit public comments for 60 days beginning on the date of  
15 publication of the notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The  
16 board, in collaboration with the advisory group, shall submit  
17 a response to the comments to the department for publication  
18 on the department's publicly accessible Internet website  
19 within 60 days after the expiration of the public comment  
20 period. An alert or report of irregular data may only be  
21 produced at the time when a patient's record is accessed by a  
22 prescriber or dispenser.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.