

CHAP. 523

Providing
against evils
resulting
from sale of
narcotic
drugs.

opium, morphine, heroin, chloral hydrate or any salt or compound of any of the foregoing substances, or any preparation or compound containing any of the foregoing substances, or their salts or compounds, except upon the original written order or prescription of a lawfully authorized practitioner of medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine, which order or prescription shall be dated, and shall contain the name of the person for whom prescribed, or if ordered by a practitioner of veterinary medicine, shall state the kind of animal for which ordered, and shall be signed by the person giving the prescription or order. Such written order or prescription shall be permanently retained on file by the person, firm or corporation who shall compound or dispense the articles ordered or prescribed, and it shall not be again compounded or dispensed, except upon the written order of the original prescriber for each and every subsequent compounding or dispensing. No copy or duplicate of such written order or prescription shall be made or delivered to any person, but the original shall at all times be open to inspection by the prescriber and proper authorized officers of the law; provided, however, that the above provisions shall not apply to paregoric and laudanum or to *bona fide* proprietary medicines containing codeine or not more than two grains of opium, or not more than two-fifths grain of morphine, or not more than one-fourth grain of heroin, or not more than ten grains of chloral hydrate in one fluid ounce, or if a solid preparation in one avoirdupois ounce; provided, also, that the above provisions shall not apply to preparations containing opium and recommended and sold in good faith for diarrhœa and cholera, each bottle or package of which is accompanied by specific directions for use and a caution against habitual use; nor to powder of ipecac and opium, commonly known as Dover's powder; nor to liniments or ointments when plainly labeled, "for external use only." And provided, further, that the above provision shall not apply to sales at wholesale by jobbers, wholesalers and manufacturers to retail druggists, general merchants, or qualified physicians, or to each other; nor to sales at retail by retail druggists, general merchants, to regular practitioners of medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine; nor to sales made to manufacturers of proprietary or pharmaceutical

Preparations
exempted.