

IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the State Board of Pharmacy, shall convene a workgroup of manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies that sell and distribute prescription drugs in the State to recommend to the Board a target date for implementation of electronic track and trace pedigree technology.

(b) The workgroup shall:

(1) survey the availability of electronic track and trace pedigree technology across the entire prescription pharmaceutical supply chain;

(2) determine when electronic track and trace pedigree technology will be universally available across the entire prescription pharmaceutical supply chain; and

(3) based on its determination of the universal availability of electronic track and trace pedigree technology, make recommendations to the Board for a target date, no sooner than July 1, 2010, for implementation of electronic track and trace pedigree technology across the entire prescription pharmaceutical supply chain.

(c) Taking into consideration the recommendations of the workgroup, the Board shall establish a target date, no sooner than July 1, 2010, for implementation of electronic track and trace pedigree technology.

(d) In accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Board shall submit to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee:

(1) on or before January 1, 2009, a report with the recommendations of the workgroup; and

(2) on or before July 1, 2009, the target date for implementation of electronic track and trace pedigree technology established by the Board.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.