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HOUSE BILL NO. 620

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to reducing medical errors.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 192.069, to read as follows:

3 **192.069. 1. The department of health, in consultation with the board of pharmacy
4 and professional licensing boards of health care providers with drug prescribing authority,
5 shall develop recommendations on methods for reducing medication errors, including:**

6 **(1) Increasing prescription legibility;**

7 **(2) Minimizing confusion in prescription drug labeling and packaging;**

8 **(3) Developing medication error reporting plans;**

9 **(4) Encouraging hospitals and health care organizations to implement proven
10 medication safety practices, including the use of automated drug-ordering systems;**

11 **(5) Reducing confusion created by similar-sounding drug names; and**

12 **(6) Increasing patient education on the medications they are prescribed.**

**2. The department shall submit its recommendations to the general assembly on or
before January 1, 2002.**