

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE BILL 1369**

Short Title: Prescription Orders/Electronic Image. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Allen, Farmer-Butterfield, England (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnhart, Coates, Dickson, Faison, Fisher, Glazier, Hurley, Justice, Pate, Spear, Steen, Wainwright, Weiss, Wilkins, and Wray.

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Referred to: Health.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE PRESERVATION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
ORDERS BY PHARMACIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-85.26 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 90-85.26. Prescription orders preserved.**

(a) Every pharmacist-manager of a pharmacy shall maintain for at least three years the original of every prescription order and refill compounded or dispensed at the pharmacy except for prescription orders recorded in a patient's medical record. An automated data processing system may be used for the storage and retrieval of refill information for prescriptions pursuant to the regulations of the Board. A pharmacist-manager may comply with this section by capturing and maintaining an electronic image of a prescription order or refill. An electronic image of a prescription order or refill shall constitute the original prescription order, and a hard copy of the prescription order or refill is not required to be maintained. If a pharmacist-manager elects to maintain prescription orders by capturing electronic images of prescription orders or refills, the pharmacy's computer system must be capable of maintaining, printing, and providing, upon a request by the Board, all of the information required by this Chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this Chapter within 48 hours of such a request.

(b) Every pharmacy permittee's designated agent shall maintain documentation of alleged medication errors and incidents described in G.S. 90-85.47(e)(1) for which the pharmacy permittee has knowledge."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.