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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 339

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING  
10 PROGRAM TO MANDATE PRESCRIBERS CHECK THE PRESCRIPTION  
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12 MEDICATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-604(d), concerning the requirements  
25 for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, is amended to read as follows:

26 (d)(1) Practitioners Except as required in subdivision (d)(2) of this  
27 section, practitioners are encouraged to access or check the information in  
28 the controlled substance database created under this subchapter before  
29 prescribing, dispensing, or administering medications.

30 (2) A prescriber shall check the information in the Prescription  
31 Drug Monitoring Program when prescribing:

32 (A) An opioid from Schedule II or Schedule III for every  
33 time prescribing the medication to a patient; and

34 (B) A benzodiazepine medication for the first time  
35 prescribing the medication to a patient.  
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