

RESOLUTION NO. 67

REQUESTING THE ALBANY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER TO TAKE STEPS TO IDENTIFY RECALLED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Introduced: 2/11/13

By Messrs. Commisso and Clenahan:

WHEREAS, On November 28, 2012, Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals, India's largest pharmaceutical company issued a recall at the retail level directing pharmacies not to dispense contaminated lots of atorvastatin, the generic form of Lipitor, a cholesterol lowering drug, and

WHEREAS, Despite the recall of 41 lots of atorvastatin, millions of people continue taking a generic form of Lipitor that may contain specks of glass due to the lack of notice to consumers prescribed the medication from contaminated lots, and

WHEREAS, Patients taking medication have a right to be made aware of any recall and the dangers associated with continuing to take medication from contaminated lots of the medication, and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are advised by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) when there is a recall and provided with the lot numbers being recalled and additionally the lot numbers are posted on the FDA site, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Albany County Health Commissioner is requested to take steps to require pharmacists in Albany County to list on the container the lot numbers of the medication dispensed so that people can review the FDA site for any recalls, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Health Commissioner is also requested to include a requirement that pharmacists maintain a record of the lot number and/or any other identifying documentation from each medication that is dispensed and, as soon as possible, notify people of the recall, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Health Committee. 2/11/13