

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2623

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring the use of single name identifiers for persons obtaining controlled substances.

Sponsors: Representatives Dyer, Hymes, Cody, Murray, Brumsickle, Casada, Conway, Skinner, Crouse, Morris, Sherstad and Scheuerman.

House Committee on Health Care
Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

Background: Obtaining controlled substances by fraud is unlawful and punishable by imprisonment for not more than two years or a fine of not more than \$2,000. There is, however, no specific prohibition against using more than one name in order to obtain a prescription for a controlled substance from a practitioner or pharmacist.

Summary: It is unlawful to obtain a controlled substance by giving more than one name to a practitioner, including a pharmacist. When a person's name is legally changed, the person is required to inform all providers so that medical and pharmacy records may be filed under a single name identifier.

Votes on Final Passage:

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| House | 96 | 0 | |
| Senate | 48 | 0 | (Senate amended) |
| House | 94 | 0 | (House concurred) |

Effective: June 6, 1996