

***Health Care Committee***

***HB 1469***

***Brief Description:*** *Dispensing controlled substance orders and prescriptions.*

***Sponsors:*** *Representatives Campbell and Cody.*

***Brief Summary of Bill***

- *A Schedule II controlled substance may be dispensed to a patient in long-term care or hospice facility by a facsimile copy of a prescription sent by a prescribing practitioner.*
- *The requirement that controlled substances may be distributed only pursuant to order forms is repealed.*

***Hearing Date:*** *2/9/01*

***Staff:*** *John Welsh (786-7133).*

***Background:***

*A Schedule II controlled substance is considered by law as a drug with currently accepted medical use, and with a high potential for abuse which may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence. It may not be dispensed to a patient without a written prescription.*

*Current federal law requires pharmacies to order Schedule II substances from manufacturers and wholesalers on triplicate order forms. However, federal law is changing to allow orders through electronic means.*

***Summary of Bill:***

*If permissible by federal law, a Schedule II controlled substance, including injectable substances, may be dispensed by a pharmacy with a facsimile copy of a prescription transmitted by a practitioner for a patient in a long-term care or hospice facility. The practitioner shall note on the prescription that the patient is a long-term care or hospice*

*patient, and shall retain a copy of the original prescription.*

*The requirement that controlled substances be distributed only pursuant to order forms is repealed to conform with federal law.*

***Appropriation:*** *None.*

***Fiscal Note:*** *Not Requested.*

***Effective Date:*** *Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.*