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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Deccio, Thibaudeau and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Dispensing controlled substance orders and prescriptions.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that schedule II narcotic substances may be dispensed by a pharmacy pursuant to a facsimile prescription under the following circumstances:

(1) The facsimile prescription is transmitted by a practitioner to the pharmacy; and

(2) The facsimile prescription is for a patient in a long-term care facility. "Long-term care facility" means nursing homes licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW, boarding homes licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW, and adult family homes licensed under chapter 70.128 RCW; or

(3) The facsimile prescription is for a patient of a hospice care program certified or paid for by medicare under Title XVIII; or

(4) The facsimile prescription is for a patient of a hospice program licensed by the state; and

(5) The practitioner or the practitioner's agent notes on the facsimile prescription that the patient is a long-term care or hospice patient.

Declares that injectable Schedule II narcotic substances that are to be compounded for patient use may be dispensed by a pharmacy pursuant to a facsimile prescription if the facsimile prescription is transmitted by a practitioner to the pharmacy.

Repeals RCW 69.50.307.