

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6105

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning the prescription monitoring program.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Hatfield, Conway, Becker, Keiser and Shin).

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

Background: In 2007 legislation was enacted requiring the Department of Health (DOH) to implement a prescription drug monitoring program to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of schedule II through schedule V controlled substances. Under the program, dispensers must electronically report information to DOH about each prescription dispensed. Dispensers include practitioners or pharmacies that deliver schedule II through schedule V controlled substances to the ultimate user. The data submission requirements of this program do not apply to medications administered in single doses to patients receiving inpatient services or to medications dispensed to offenders in Department of Corrections institutions.

Summary: DOH, in collaboration with the Veterinary Board of Governors, must adopt alternative reporting requirements for veterinarians. The alternative reporting requirements must allow veterinarians to report: (1) either electronically or non-electronically; (2) only data relevant to veterinary practices and the public protection goals of the prescription drug monitoring program; and (3) no more frequently than once every three months and no less than once every six months.

The reporting requirements for dispensers apply to drug prescriptions that are for more than one day use.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	0	
House	96	0	(House amended)
Senate	47	0	(Senate concurred)

Effective: June 7, 2012

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