

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1182

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Including pharmacists in the legend drug act.

Sponsors: Representatives Harris, Cody, Vick, Nealey, Ryu and Jinkins.

House Committee on Health Care & Wellness
Senate Committee on Health Care

Background:

Pharmacists are regulated by the Board of Pharmacy. They are authorized to interpret prescription orders; compound, dispense, label, administer, and distribute drugs; monitor drug therapy; participate in drug utilization reviews and drug product selection; store, distribute, and maintain records of drugs and devices; and provide information on legend drugs. In addition, pharmacists may initiate drug therapy in accordance with a collaborative drug therapy agreement (CDTA).

A CDTA is a set of written guidelines or protocols established by a health care practitioner who is authorized to prescribe drugs in which authority is delegated to a pharmacist to conduct specific prescribing functions. Among the health care practitioners that may prescribe drugs are physicians, osteopathic physicians, optometrists, dentists, podiatric physicians, veterinarians, certain registered nurses, and advanced registered nurse practitioners.

Summary:

Statutory references are clarified to specify that licensed pharmacists may prescribe legend drugs to the extent allowed by a collaborative drug therapy agreement authorized by the Board of Pharmacy and approved by a practitioner authorized to prescribe drugs.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	48	0

Effective: July 28, 2013

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