
HOUSE BILL 2725

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1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of pharmacists to dispense
2 prescription drugs; and adding a new section to chapter 18.64 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.64
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) A pharmacist may dispense a prescription drug to a patient
7 with an expired prescription if:

8 (a) Reasonable efforts to contact the prescribing practitioner
9 have been made and were unsuccessful;

10 (b) The patient has been on a consistent drug therapy as
11 demonstrated by records maintained by a pharmacy;

12 (c) The prescription drug is not a controlled substance; and

13 (d) The amount of the drug dispensed does not:

14 (i) Exceed a thirty-day supply as provided in the prescription;

15 or

16 (ii) If the standard unit of dispensing for the drug exceeds a
17 thirty-day supply, exceed the standard unit of dispensing.

18 (2) A pharmacist may not dispense a particular prescription drug
19 to the same patient without a valid prescription as described in
20 subsection (1) of this section more than once in any twelve-month
21 period.

1 (3) The provisions of this section do not:

2 (a) Expand or restrict the authority of the commission to adopt
3 other limited exceptions that allow for the dispensing of
4 prescription drugs by pharmacists without a prescription; or

5 (b) Limit the terms of a collaborative drug therapy agreement.

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