
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REMOTE DISPENSING PHARMACY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many individuals
2 living in underserved or remote areas need improved access to
3 medications and pharmacy services. Without access to a
4 pharmacy, individuals face tremendous barriers to obtaining
5 basic, much-needed medications. To permit residents on rural
6 islands and in remote areas to have access to a remote
7 dispensing pharmacy the legislature passed Act 96, Session Laws
8 of Hawaii 2009.

9 The purpose of this Act is to clarify the definitions of
10 "remote dispensing machine" and "remote dispensing pharmacy" to
11 allow remote dispensing pharmacies to better serve these
12 residents.

13 SECTION 2. Section 461-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending the definitions of "remote dispensing
15 machine" and "remote dispensing pharmacy" to read as follows:

16 "Remote dispensing machine" means a device used for
17 dispensing unit-of-use drugs [~~that are acquired pursuant to~~
18 ~~section 340B of the Public Health Service Act, Title 42 United~~



1 ~~States Code section 256b,~~] that is operated using information
2 technologies and is located in a remote dispensing pharmacy.

3 "Remote dispensing pharmacy" means the area in an
4 institutional facility, including a federally qualified health
5 center~~[, providing]~~ that provides outpatient medical care in any
6 county, ~~[by dispensing]~~ where prescription drugs ~~[that are~~
7 ~~acquired pursuant to section 340B of the Public Health Service~~
8 ~~Act, Title 42 United States Code section 256b,~~] are dispensed
9 through the use of a remote dispensing machine."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
13 provided that the definitions of "remote dispensing machine" and
14 "remote dispensing pharmacy", as amended by this Act, shall not
15 be repealed on January 2, 2014, pursuant to Act 96, Session Laws
16 of Hawaii 2009.

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Report Title :

Pharmacy; Remote Dispensing Pharmacy; Remote Dispensing Machine

Description:

Clarifies the definitions of "remote dispensing machine" and "remote dispensing pharmacy". (SD1)

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