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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3 as follows:

4 "CHAPTER

5 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION SAFETY LAW

6 § -1 Long-acting opioid painkillers; emergency rooms.

7 No physician, nurse, or pharmacist, in providing emergency
8 services at any hospital in the State, shall prescribe any long-
9 acting opioid painkillers, including but not limited to
10 extended-release oxycodone, fentanyl patches, or methadone.

11 § -2 Other opioid painkillers; emergency rooms. No
12 physician, nurse, or pharmacist, in providing emergency services
13 at any hospital in the State, shall prescribe more than a three-
14 day supply of any other opioid painkillers.

15 § -3 Prescription refills; emergency rooms. No
16 physician, nurse, or pharmacist, in providing emergency services
17 at any hospital in the State, shall refill any prescription for
18 any opioid painkiller that has been lost, stolen, or destroyed.



1 § -4 Exemptions. (a) This chapter shall not apply to
2 emergency room treatment of:

3 (1) Any serious illness, disease, or condition such as
4 cancer; or

5 (2) Any other illness, disease, or condition that requires
6 palliative care.

7 (b) This chapter shall not apply to prescriptions made
8 outside of an emergency room.

9 § -5 Penalties. Any person who violates this chapter
10 shall be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned not more than
11 one year, or both."

12 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Prescriptions; Hospitals; Emergency Rooms

Description:

Prohibits doctors, nurses, and pharmacists from prescribing long-acting opioid painkillers in emergency rooms. Prohibits doctors, nurses, and pharmacists in emergency rooms from prescribing more than a three-day supply of opioid painkillers. Prohibits doctors, nurses, and pharmacists in emergency rooms from refilling prescriptions for opioid painkillers that have been lost, stolen, or destroyed.

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