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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 legislature finds that a nationwide drug  
2 epidemic exists related to prescription pain relieving drugs  
3 that are causing alarming rates of addiction, overdose, and  
4 death. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, an  
5 estimated 2.1 million people in the United States suffer from  
6 substance use disorders related to prescription opioid pain  
7 relievers. Society is facing the devastating consequences of  
8 this epidemic. The number of unintentional overdose deaths from  
9 prescription pain relievers has more than quadrupled since 1999.  
10 According to data provided by the Pew Charitable Trusts, opioid  
11 pain relievers killed nearly 20,000 Americans in 2014.

12           According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, in terms  
13 of abuse and mortality, opioids account for the greatest  
14 proportion of the prescription drug abuse problem. The rise of  
15 prescription opioids started in the beginning of the twenty-  
16 first century and by 2002 prescription opioids caused more  
17 deaths than heroin or cocaine. The National Institute on Drug



1 Abuse reports that the increase in the availability of opioid  
2 pain relievers is the result of a drastic increase in the number  
3 of prescriptions written and dispensed, greater social  
4 acceptability for using medications for different purposes, and  
5 aggressive marketing by pharmaceutical companies. As a result  
6 of the staggering number of people suffering from substance use  
7 disorders related to prescription opioid pain relievers, the  
8 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
9 national and state legislators, and many others are trying to  
10 curb this epidemic through public education and limits on opioid  
11 prescribing practices.

12 The legislature also finds that informed consent is an  
13 effective process between a provider and patient that relates to  
14 a specific medication or a form of treatment such as safe opioid  
15 therapy. The informed consent process allows the patient to  
16 better understand the goals of treatment, potential benefits of  
17 treatment, realistic outcomes, potential risks, how to use the  
18 medication, and alternative treatment options. The informed  
19 consent process is one approach to begin addressing the  
20 nationwide opioid epidemic.



1 The purpose of this Act is to reduce addiction, overdose,  
2 and death related to the use of opioids by:

3 (1) Requiring the execution of an opioid therapy informed  
4 consent process agreement between a patient and a  
5 prescriber of opioids in circumstances that may carry  
6 a risk of dependency; and

7 (2) Limiting initial prescriptions for opioids and  
8 benzodiazepines to a maximum of seven consecutive  
9 days, except for treatment for certain, specified  
10 conditions.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
13 and to read as follows:

14 "§329- Opioid therapy; informed consent process. (a)  
15 Patients and prescribers of opioids shall execute a written  
16 agreement to engage in an informed consent process if:

17 (1) A patient requires opioid treatment for more than  
18 three months;

19 (2) A patient is prescribed benzodiazepines and opioids  
20 together; or



- 1        (3) A patient is prescribed a dose of opioids that exceeds  
2        ninety morphine equivalent doses.
- 3        (b) The administrator shall develop and make available a  
4        template of an opioid therapy informed consent process agreement  
5        for use in the State. The template for the opioid therapy  
6        informed consent process agreement shall include, at a minimum,  
7        the following:
- 8        (1) A statement that advises the patient that initial  
9        prescriptions for opioids and benzodiazepines shall be  
10       limited to a maximum of seven consecutive days;
- 11       (2) A statement that the prescriber has discussed with the  
12       patient the possibility of overdose on opioids, the  
13       availability of co-prescribing naloxone, and has  
14       provided education about how and when to use the  
15       prescribed opioids and naloxone;
- 16       (3) A statement that the prescriber has discussed with the  
17       patient non-opioid treatment options for chronic pain;
- 18       (4) An outline of initial and ongoing functional treatment  
19       goals established at the initiation of the informed  
20       consent process and a plan for the ongoing assessment  
21       of progress toward the goals;



- 1       (5) Patient consent to an initial assessment at the  
2       initiation of the informed consent process using an  
3       established questionnaire or screening tool of the  
4       patient's potential risk for opioid or alcohol abuse  
5       and other psychosocial factors that contribute to  
6       abuse risk and a plan for the ongoing assessment of  
7       risk thereafter;
- 8       (6) Patient consent to urine drug screening at the  
9       initiation of the informed consent process and at  
10      least two times each year thereafter;
- 11      (7) Patient consent to referral to a psychologist or  
12      psychiatrist for concurrent care or consultation if  
13      the opioid therapy continues for longer than six  
14      months; and
- 15      (8) Confirmation that the electronic prescription  
16      accountability system has been checked at the  
17      initiation of the informed consent process and  
18      agreement that the system will be checked at least  
19      quarterly thereafter."

20       SECTION 3. Section 329-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21       amended to read as follows:



1           "§329-38 Prescriptions. (a) No controlled substance in  
2 schedule II may be dispensed without a written prescription of a  
3 practitioner, except:

4           (1) In the case of an emergency situation, a pharmacist  
5 may dispense a controlled substance listed in schedule  
6 II upon receiving oral authorization from a  
7 prescribing practitioner; provided that:

8           (A) The quantity prescribed and dispensed is limited  
9 to the amount adequate to treat the patient  
10 during the emergency period (dispensing beyond  
11 the emergency period shall be pursuant to a  
12 written prescription signed by the prescribing  
13 practitioner);

14           (B) If the prescribing practitioner is not known to  
15 the pharmacist, the pharmacist shall make a  
16 reasonable effort to determine that the oral  
17 authorization came from a registered  
18 practitioner, which may include a callback to the  
19 prescribing practitioner using the phone number  
20 in the telephone directory or other good faith  
21 efforts to identify the prescriber; and



1 (C) Within seven days after authorizing an emergency  
2 oral prescription, the prescribing practitioner  
3 shall cause a written prescription for the  
4 emergency quantity prescribed to be delivered to  
5 the dispensing pharmacist. In addition to  
6 conforming to the requirements of this  
7 subsection, the prescription shall have written  
8 on its face "Authorization for Emergency  
9 Dispensing". The written prescription may be  
10 delivered to the pharmacist in person or by mail,  
11 and if by mail, the prescription shall be  
12 postmarked within the seven-day period. Upon  
13 receipt, the dispensing pharmacist shall attach  
14 this prescription to the oral emergency  
15 prescription, which had earlier been reduced to  
16 writing. The pharmacist shall notify the  
17 administrator if the prescribing practitioner  
18 fails to deliver a written prescription to the  
19 pharmacy within the allotted time. Failure of  
20 the pharmacist to do so shall void the authority  
21 conferred by this paragraph to dispense without a



1 written prescription of a prescribing individual  
2 practitioner. Any practitioner who fails to  
3 deliver a written prescription within the seven-  
4 day period shall be in violation of section 329-  
5 41(a)(1);

6 (2) No schedule II narcotic controlled substance may be  
7 prescribed or dispensed for more than a thirty-day  
8 supply, except where such substances come in a single  
9 unit dose package that exceeds the thirty-day limit or  
10 where a terminally ill patient is certified by a  
11 physician to exceed the thirty-day limit;

12 (3) When dispensed directly by a practitioner, other than  
13 a pharmacist, to the ultimate user. The practitioner  
14 in dispensing a controlled substance in schedule II  
15 shall affix to the package a label showing:

16 (A) The date of dispensing;

17 (B) The name, strength, and quantity of the drug  
18 dispensed;

19 (C) The dispensing practitioner's name and address;

20 (D) The name of the patient;

21 (E) The "use by" date for the drug, which shall be:





- 1 (i) The expiration date on the manufacturer's or
- 2 principal labeler's container; or
- 3 (ii) One year from the date the drug is
- 4 dispensed, whichever is earlier; and
- 5 (F) Directions for use, and cautionary statements, if
- 6 any, contained in the prescription or as required
- 7 by law.

8 A complete and accurate record of all schedule II  
9 controlled substances ordered, administered,  
10 prescribed, and dispensed shall be maintained for five  
11 years. Prescriptions and records of dispensing shall  
12 otherwise be retained in conformance with the  
13 requirements of section 329-36. No prescription for a  
14 controlled substance in schedule II may be refilled;  
15 or

16 (4) In the case of an electronic prescription, a  
17 pharmacist may dispense a controlled substance listed  
18 in schedule II upon receiving an electronic  
19 prescription.

20 (b) A schedule II controlled substance prescription shall:



1 (1) Be filled within seven days following the date the  
2 prescription was issued to the patient; and

3 (2) Be supplied to a patient only if the prescription has  
4 been filled and held by the pharmacy for not more than  
5 seven days.

6 (c) Initial prescriptions for opioids and benzodiazepines  
7 shall not be for more than seven consecutive days except as  
8 provided in this subsection. A prescribing practitioner may  
9 issue a prescription for more than a seven-day supply of an  
10 opioid if, in the prescribing practitioner's professional  
11 medical judgment, the supply is necessary for the treatment of:

12 (1) Pain associated with a cancer diagnosis; or

13 (2) Pain experienced by a patient who is in palliative or  
14 hospice care;

15 provided that the prescribing practitioner shall document in the  
16 patient's medical record the medical condition for which the  
17 practitioner issued the prescription and that a non-opioid  
18 alternative is not an appropriate treatment for the condition.

19 [~~e~~] (d) The transfer of original prescription information  
20 for a controlled substance listed in schedule III, IV, or V for  
21 the purpose of dispensing is permissible between pharmacies on a



1 one time basis only. However, pharmacies electronically sharing  
2 a real-time, online database may transfer up to the maximum  
3 refills permitted by law and the prescriber's authorization.

4 Transfers are subject to the following requirements:

5 (1) The transfer shall be communicated directly between  
6 two licensed pharmacists, and the transferring  
7 pharmacist shall:

8 (A) Write or otherwise place the word "VOID" on the  
9 face of the invalidated prescription;

10 (B) Record on the reverse of the invalidated  
11 prescription the name, address, and Drug  
12 Enforcement Administration registration number of  
13 the pharmacy to which it was transferred and the  
14 name of the pharmacist receiving the prescription  
15 information; and

16 (C) Record the date of the transfer and the name of  
17 the pharmacist transferring the information;

18 (2) The pharmacist receiving the transferred prescription  
19 information shall reduce to writing the following:

20 (A) Write or otherwise place the word "transfer" on  
21 the face of the transferred prescription;



- 1 (B) Record all information required to be on a  
2 prescription, including:
- 3 (i) The date of issuance of original  
4 prescription;
  - 5 (ii) The original number of refills authorized on  
6 original prescription;
  - 7 (iii) The date of original dispensing;
  - 8 (iv) The number of valid refills remaining and  
9 dates and locations of previous refills;
  - 10 (v) The pharmacy's name, address, Drug  
11 Enforcement Administration registration  
12 number, and original prescription number  
13 from which the prescription information was  
14 transferred;
  - 15 (vi) The name of the transferor pharmacist; and
  - 16 (vii) The pharmacy's name, address, and Drug  
17 Enforcement Administration registration  
18 number, along with the prescription number  
19 from which the prescription was originally  
20 filled;



1           (3) Both the original and transferred prescription shall  
2           be maintained for a period of five years from the date  
3           of last refill; and

4           (4) Any pharmacy electronically accessing a prescription  
5           record shall satisfy all information requirements of a  
6           manual mode prescription transferal.

7           Failure to comply with this subsection shall void the  
8           authority of the pharmacy to transfer prescriptions or receive a  
9           transferred prescription to or from another pharmacy.

10          [~~(d)~~] (e) A pharmacy and an authorized central fill  
11          pharmacy may share information for initial and refill  
12          prescriptions of schedule III, IV, or V controlled substances.  
13          The following requirements shall apply:

14           (1) A pharmacy may electronically transmit, including by  
15           facsimile, prescriptions for controlled substances  
16           listed in schedule III, IV, or V to a central fill  
17           pharmacy. The pharmacy transmitting the prescription  
18           information shall:

19           (A) Ensure that all information required to be on a  
20           prescription pursuant to subsection [~~(g)~~] (h) is  
21           transmitted to the central fill pharmacy either



1           on the face of the prescription or  
2           electronically; and  
3           (B) Keep a record of receipt of the filled  
4           prescription, including the date of receipt, the  
5           method of delivery (private, common, or contract  
6           carrier) and the identity of the pharmacy  
7           employee accepting delivery; and  
8           (2) The central fill pharmacy receiving the transmitted  
9           prescription shall:  
10           (A) Keep for five years a copy of a prescription  
11           received by facsimile or an electronic record of  
12           all the information transmitted by the pharmacy,  
13           including the name, address, and Drug Enforcement  
14           Administration registration number of the  
15           pharmacy transmitting the prescription;  
16           (B) Keep a record of the date of receipt of the  
17           transmitted prescription, the name of the  
18           licensed pharmacists filling the prescription,  
19           and the dates the prescription was filled or is  
20           refilled; and



1 (C) Keep a record of the date the filled prescription  
2 was shipped to the pharmacy.

3 [~~e~~] (f) No controlled substance in schedule III, IV, or  
4 V may be dispensed without a written, facsimile of a written,  
5 oral prescription of a practitioner, or receipt of an electronic  
6 prescription, except when a controlled substance is dispensed  
7 directly by a practitioner, other than a pharmacist, to an  
8 ultimate user. The practitioner, in dispensing a controlled  
9 substance in schedule III, IV, or V, shall affix to the package  
10 a label showing:

- 11 (1) The date of dispensing;
- 12 (2) The name, strength, and quantity issued of the drug;
- 13 (3) The dispensing practitioner's name and business  
14 address;
- 15 (4) The name of the patient;
- 16 (5) The "use by" date for the drug, which shall be:
  - 17 (A) The expiration date on the manufacturer's or  
18 principal labeler's container; or
  - 19 (B) One year from the date the drug is dispensed,  
20 whichever is earlier;
- 21 (6) Directions for use; and



1           (7) Cautionary statements, if any, contained in the  
2           prescription or as required by law.  
3 A complete and accurate record of all schedule III, IV, and V  
4 controlled substances administered, prescribed, and dispensed  
5 shall be maintained for five years. Prescriptions and records  
6 of dispensing shall be retained in conformance with the  
7 requirements of section 329-36 unless otherwise provided by law.  
8 Prescriptions may not be filled or refilled more than three  
9 months after the date of the prescription or be refilled more  
10 than two times after the date of the prescription, unless the  
11 prescription is renewed by the practitioner.

12           [~~(f)~~] (g) The effectiveness of a prescription for the  
13 purposes of this section shall be determined as follows:

14           (1) A prescription for a controlled substance shall be  
15           issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an  
16           individual practitioner acting in the usual course of  
17           the practitioner's professional practice. The  
18           responsibility for the proper prescribing and  
19           dispensing of controlled substances shall be upon the  
20           prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding  
21           responsibility shall rest with the pharmacist who



1 fills the prescription. An order purporting to be a  
2 prescription issued not in the usual course of  
3 professional treatment or for legitimate and  
4 authorized research shall not be deemed a prescription  
5 within the meaning and intent of this section, and the  
6 person who knowingly fills such a purported  
7 prescription, as well as the person who issues the  
8 prescription, shall be subject to the penalties  
9 provided for violations of this chapter;

10 (2) A prescription may not be issued to allow an  
11 individual practitioner to obtain controlled  
12 substances for supplying the individual practitioner  
13 for the purpose of general dispensing to patients;

14 (3) A prescription may not be issued for the dispensing of  
15 narcotic drugs listed in any schedule for the purpose  
16 of "detoxification treatment" or "maintenance  
17 treatment" except as follows:

18 (A) The administering or dispensing directly (but not  
19 prescribing) of narcotic drugs listed in any  
20 schedule to a narcotic drug-dependent person for  
21 "detoxification treatment" or "maintenance



1 treatment" shall be deemed to be "in the course  
2 of a practitioner's professional practice or  
3 research" so long as the practitioner is  
4 registered separately with the department and the  
5 federal Drug Enforcement Agency as required by  
6 section 329-32(e) and complies with Title 21 Code  
7 of Federal Regulations section 823(g) and any  
8 other federal or state regulatory standards  
9 relating to treatment qualification, security,  
10 records, and unsupervised use of drugs; and  
11 (B) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a  
12 physician or authorized hospital staff from  
13 administering or dispensing, but not prescribing,  
14 narcotic drugs in a hospital to maintain or  
15 detoxify a person as an incidental adjunct to  
16 medical or surgical treatment of conditions other  
17 than addiction;  
18 (4) An individual practitioner shall not prescribe or  
19 dispense a substance included in schedule II, III, IV,  
20 or V for that individual practitioner's personal use,  
21 except in a medical emergency; and



1 (5) A pharmacist shall not dispense a substance included  
2 in schedule II, III, IV, or V for the pharmacist's  
3 personal use.

4 [~~g~~] (h) Prescriptions for controlled substances shall be  
5 issued only as follows:

6 (1) All prescriptions for controlled substances shall  
7 originate from within the State and be dated as of,  
8 and signed on, the day when the prescriptions were  
9 issued and shall contain:

10 (A) The first and last name and address of the  
11 patient; and

12 (B) The drug name, strength, dosage form, quantity  
13 prescribed, and directions for use. Where a  
14 prescription is for gamma hydroxybutyric acid,  
15 methadone, or buprenorphine, the practitioner  
16 shall record as part of the directions for use,  
17 the medical need of the patient for the  
18 prescription.

19 Except for electronic prescriptions, controlled  
20 substance prescriptions shall be no larger than eight  
21 and one-half inches by eleven inches and no smaller



1 than three inches by four inches. A practitioner may  
2 sign a prescription in the same manner as the  
3 practitioner would sign a check or legal document  
4 (e.g., J.H. Smith or John H. Smith) and shall use both  
5 words and figures (e.g., alphabetically and  
6 numerically as indications of quantity, such as five  
7 (5)), to indicate the amount of controlled substance  
8 to be dispensed. Where an oral order or electronic  
9 prescription is not permitted, prescriptions shall be  
10 written with ink or indelible pencil or typed, shall  
11 be manually signed by the practitioner, and shall  
12 include the name, address, telephone number, and  
13 registration number of the practitioner. The  
14 prescriptions may be prepared by a secretary or agent  
15 for the signature of the practitioner, but the  
16 prescribing practitioner shall be responsible in case  
17 the prescription does not conform in all essential  
18 respects to this chapter and any rules adopted  
19 pursuant to this chapter. In receiving an oral  
20 prescription from a practitioner, a pharmacist shall  
21 promptly reduce the oral prescription to writing,



1           which shall include the following information: the  
2           drug name, strength, dosage form, quantity prescribed  
3           in figures only, and directions for use; the date the  
4           oral prescription was received; the full name, Drug  
5           Enforcement Administration registration number, and  
6           oral code number of the practitioner; and the name and  
7           address of the person for whom the controlled  
8           substance was prescribed or the name of the owner of  
9           the animal for which the controlled substance was  
10          prescribed.

11           A corresponding liability shall rest upon a  
12          pharmacist who fills a prescription not prepared in  
13          the form prescribed by this section. A pharmacist may  
14          add a patient's missing address or change a patient's  
15          address on all controlled substance prescriptions  
16          after verifying the patient's identification and  
17          noting the identification number on the back of the  
18          prescription document on file. The pharmacist shall  
19          not make changes to the patient's name, the controlled  
20          substance being prescribed, the quantity of the  
21          prescription, the practitioner's Drug Enforcement



1 Administration number, the practitioner's name, the  
2 practitioner's electronic signature, or the  
3 practitioner's signature;

4 (2) An intern, resident, or foreign-trained physician, or  
5 a physician on the staff of a Department of Veterans  
6 Affairs facility or other facility serving veterans,  
7 exempted from registration under this chapter, shall  
8 include on all prescriptions issued by the physician:

9 (A) The registration number of the hospital or other  
10 institution; and

11 (B) The special internal code number assigned to the  
12 physician by the hospital or other institution in  
13 lieu of the registration number of the  
14 practitioner required by this section.

15 The hospital or other institution shall forward a copy  
16 of this special internal code number list to the  
17 department as often as necessary to update the  
18 department with any additions or deletions. Failure  
19 to comply with this paragraph shall result in the  
20 suspension of that facility's privilege to fill  
21 controlled substance prescriptions at pharmacies



1 outside of the hospital or other institution. Each  
2 written prescription shall have the name of the  
3 physician stamped, typed, or hand-printed on it, as  
4 well as the signature of the physician;

5 (3) An official exempted from registration shall include  
6 on all prescriptions issued by the official:

7 (A) The official's branch of service or agency (e.g.,  
8 "U.S. Army" or "Public Health Service"); and

9 (B) The official's service identification number, in  
10 lieu of the registration number of the  
11 practitioner required by this section. The  
12 service identification number for a Public Health  
13 Service employee shall be the employee's social  
14 security or other government issued  
15 identification number.

16 Each prescription shall have the name of the officer  
17 stamped, typed, or handprinted on it, as well as the  
18 signature of the officer; and

19 (4) A physician assistant registered to prescribe  
20 controlled substances under the authorization of a



1 supervising physician shall include on all controlled  
2 substance prescriptions issued:

3 (A) The Drug Enforcement Administration registration  
4 number of the supervising physician; and

5 (B) The Drug Enforcement Administration registration  
6 number of the physician assistant.

7 Each written controlled substance prescription issued  
8 shall include the printed, stamped, typed, or hand-  
9 printed name, address, and phone number of both the  
10 supervising physician and physician assistant, and  
11 shall be signed by the physician assistant. The  
12 medical record of each written controlled substance  
13 prescription issued by a physician assistant shall be  
14 reviewed and initialed by the physician assistant's  
15 supervising physician within seven working days.

16 [~~(h)~~] (i) A prescription for controlled substances may  
17 only be filled by a pharmacist acting in the usual course of the  
18 pharmacist's professional practice and either registered  
19 individually or employed in a registered pharmacy, central fill  
20 pharmacy, or registered institutional practitioner. A central  
21 fill pharmacy authorized to fill prescriptions on behalf of a





1 pharmacy shall have a contractual relationship with the pharmacy  
2 that provides for this activity or shall share a common owner  
3 with the pharmacy. A central fill pharmacy shall not prepare  
4 prescriptions for any controlled substance listed in schedule  
5 II.

6 [~~(i)~~] (j) Partial filling of controlled substance  
7 prescriptions shall be determined as follows:

8 (1) The partial filling of a prescription for a controlled  
9 substance listed in schedule II is permissible if the  
10 pharmacist is unable to supply the full quantity  
11 called for in a written, electronic prescription, or  
12 emergency oral prescription and the pharmacist makes a  
13 notation of the quantity supplied on the face of the  
14 written prescription (or written record of the  
15 electronic prescription or emergency oral  
16 prescription). The remaining portion of the  
17 prescription may be filled within seventy-two hours of  
18 the first partial filling; provided that if the  
19 remaining portion is not or cannot be filled within  
20 the seventy-two-hour period, the pharmacist shall  
21 notify the prescribing individual practitioner. No



1 further quantity shall be supplied beyond seventy-two  
2 hours without a new prescription;

3 (2) The partial filling of a prescription for a controlled  
4 substance listed in schedule III, IV, or V is  
5 permissible; provided that:

6 (A) Each partial filling is recorded in the same  
7 manner as a refilling;

8 (B) The total quantity dispensed in all partial  
9 fillings does not exceed the total quantity  
10 prescribed;

11 (C) No dispensing occurs more than three months after  
12 the date on which the prescription was issued;  
13 and

14 (D) The prescription is refilled no more than two  
15 times after the initial date of the prescription,  
16 unless the prescription is renewed by the  
17 practitioner; and

18 (3) A prescription for a schedule II controlled substance  
19 issued for a patient in a long-term care facility or  
20 for a patient with a medical diagnosis documenting a  
21 terminal illness may be filled in partial quantities



1 to include individual dosage units. If there is any  
2 question whether a patient may be classified as having  
3 a terminal illness, the pharmacist shall contact the  
4 practitioner prior to partially filling the  
5 prescription. Both the pharmacist and the prescribing  
6 practitioner have a corresponding responsibility to  
7 assure that the controlled substance is for a  
8 terminally ill patient. The pharmacist shall record  
9 on the prescription document on file whether the  
10 patient is "terminally ill" or a "long-term care  
11 facility patient". For the purposes of this section,  
12 "TI" means terminally ill and "LTCF" means long-term  
13 care facility. A prescription that is partially  
14 filled and does not contain the notation "TI" or "LTCF  
15 patient" shall be deemed to have been filled in  
16 violation of this section. For each partial filling,  
17 the dispensing pharmacist shall record on the back of  
18 the prescription (or on another appropriate record,  
19 uniformly maintained, and readily retrievable) the  
20 date of the partial filling, quantity dispensed,  
21 remaining quantity authorized to be dispensed, and the



1 identification of the dispensing pharmacist. The  
2 total quantity of schedule II controlled substances  
3 dispensed in all partial fillings shall not exceed the  
4 total quantity prescribed, nor shall a prescription be  
5 partially filled more than three times after the  
6 initial date of the prescription. Schedule II  
7 controlled substance prescriptions for patients in a  
8 long-term care facility or patients with a medical  
9 diagnosis documenting a terminal illness shall be  
10 valid for a period not to exceed thirty days from the  
11 issue date unless sooner terminated by the  
12 discontinuance of medication.

13 [~~(j)~~] (k) A prescription for a schedule II controlled  
14 substance may be transmitted by the practitioner or the  
15 practitioner's agent to a pharmacy by facsimile equipment;  
16 provided that the original written, signed prescription is  
17 presented to the pharmacist for review prior to the actual  
18 dispensing of the controlled substance, except as noted in  
19 subsections [~~(k), (l), and (m).~~] (l), (m), and (n). The  
20 original prescription shall be maintained in accordance with  
21 section 329-36. A prescription for a schedule III, IV, or V



1 controlled substance may be transmitted by the practitioner or  
2 the practitioner's agent to a pharmacy by facsimile; provided  
3 that:

- 4 (1) The information shall be communicated only between the  
5 prescribing practitioner or the prescriber's  
6 authorized agent and the pharmacy of the patient's  
7 choice. The original prescription shall be maintained  
8 by the practitioner in accordance with section 329-36;
- 9 (2) The information shall be communicated in a  
10 retrievable, recognizable format acceptable to the  
11 intended recipient and shall include the physician's  
12 oral code designation and the name of the recipient  
13 pharmacy;
- 14 (3) No electronic system, software, or other intervening  
15 mechanism or party shall alter the practitioner's  
16 prescription, order entry, selection, or intended  
17 selection without the practitioner's approval on a per  
18 prescription per order basis. Facsimile prescription  
19 information shall not be altered by any system,  
20 software, or other intervening mechanism or party  
21 prior to receipt by the intended pharmacy;



1           (4) The prescription information processing system shall  
2           provide for confidentiality safeguards required by  
3           federal or state law; and

4           (5) Prescribing practitioners and pharmacists shall  
5           exercise prudent and professional judgment regarding  
6           the accuracy, validity, and authenticity of any  
7           facsimile prescription information. The facsimile  
8           shall serve as the original written prescription for  
9           purposes of this section and shall be maintained in  
10          accordance with section 329-36.

11          [~~(k)~~] (l) A prescription prepared in accordance with  
12          subsection [~~(g)~~] (h) written for a narcotic listed in schedule  
13          II to be compounded for the direct administration to a patient  
14          by parenteral, intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, or  
15          intraspinous infusion, but does not extend to the dispensing of  
16          oral dosage units of controlled substances, may be transmitted  
17          by the practitioner or the practitioner's agent to the pharmacy  
18          by facsimile. The original prescription shall be maintained by  
19          the practitioner in accordance with section 329-36. The  
20          pharmacist shall note on the face of the facsimile prescription  
21          in red ink "Home Infusion/IV" and this facsimile shall serve as



1 the original written prescription for purposes of this section  
2 and it shall be maintained in accordance with section 329-36.

3 ~~[(1)]~~ (m) A prescription prepared in accordance with  
4 subsection ~~[(g)]~~ (h) written for a schedule II substance for a  
5 patient enrolled in a hospice care program certified or paid for  
6 by medicare under Title XVIII or a hospice program that is  
7 licensed by the State may be transmitted by the practitioner or  
8 the practitioner's agent to the dispensing pharmacy by  
9 facsimile. The original prescription shall be maintained by the  
10 practitioner in accordance with section 329-36. The  
11 practitioner or practitioner's agent shall note on the  
12 prescription that the patient is a hospice patient. The  
13 pharmacist shall note on the face of the facsimile prescription  
14 in red ink "HOSPICE" and this facsimile shall serve as the  
15 original written prescription for purposes of this section and  
16 it shall be maintained in accordance with section 329-36.

17 ~~[(m)]~~ (n) A prescription prepared in accordance with  
18 subsection ~~[(g)]~~ (h) written for a schedule II controlled  
19 substance for a resident of a state-licensed long-term care  
20 facility may be transmitted by the practitioner or the  
21 practitioner's agent to the dispensing pharmacy by facsimile.



1 The original prescription shall be maintained by the  
2 practitioner in accordance with section 329-36. The pharmacist  
3 shall note on the face of the facsimile prescription in red ink  
4 "LTCF" and this facsimile shall serve as the original written  
5 prescription for purposes of this section and it shall be  
6 maintained in accordance with section 329-36.

7 ~~[(n)]~~ (o) An electronic prescription for a schedule II,  
8 III, IV, or V controlled substance may be electronically  
9 transmitted by the practitioner to a pharmacy; provided that:

- 10 (1) The information shall be communicated only between the  
11 prescribing practitioner and the pharmacy of the  
12 patient's choice. The electronic prescription shall  
13 be maintained by the practitioner in accordance with  
14 section 329-36;
- 15 (2) The information shall be communicated in a  
16 retrievable, recognizable format acceptable to the  
17 intended recipient;
- 18 (3) No electronic system, software, or other intervening  
19 mechanism or party shall alter the practitioner's  
20 prescription, order entry, selection, or intended  
21 selection without the practitioner's approval on a





1 per-prescription, per-order basis. Transmitted  
2 prescription information shall not be altered by any  
3 electronic system, software, or other intervening  
4 mechanism or party prior to receipt by the intended  
5 pharmacy;

6 (4) The prescription information processing system shall  
7 provide for confidentiality safeguards required by any  
8 applicable federal or state law; and

9 (5) Prescribing practitioners and pharmacists shall  
10 exercise prudent and professional judgment regarding  
11 the accuracy, validity, and authenticity of any  
12 electronic prescription information."

13 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2090.



**Report Title:**

Opioids; Informed Consent; Limitations on Prescription

**Description:**

Requires execution of an informed consent agreement between a patient and prescriber of opioids in circumstances that carry a high risk of dependency. Limits initial opioid prescription to a seven-day supply except for treatment of substance abuse or dependency, cancer, or palliative or hospice care. (HB667 HD1)

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