
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 329-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:"

3 (1) By amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

4 "(b) The designated state agency shall determine those
5 ~~[schedules of controlled substances, classes of controlled~~
6 ~~substances, and specific]~~ controlled substances that are
7 purportedly being misused and abused in the State[-], and
8 identify opioid antagonists that are used to reverse the effects
9 of opioid overdoses. As part of the controlled substance
10 registration process, all practitioners, except veterinarians,
11 and pharmacies shall be registered with the department to
12 utilize the electronic prescription accountability system. No
13 identified controlled substances or pharmacist-prescribed opioid
14 antagonists may be dispensed unless information relevant to the
15 dispensation of the substance or pharmacist-prescribed opioid
16 antagonist is reported electronically or by means indicated by
17 the designated state agency to the central repository

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1 established under section 329-102, in accordance with rules
2 adopted by the department."

3 (2) By amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

4 "(d) Under the system:

5 (1) Information shall be reported in numerical format, not
6 less than once every seven days, on the filling of
7 prescriptions for designated controlled substances,
8 the dispensing of pharmacist-prescribed opioid
9 antagonists, and the dispensing of drug samples by a
10 licensed practitioner; and

11 (2) Each dispenser shall maintain a record of such filled
12 prescriptions, including all information described in
13 subsection (c), for a period of five years. Each
14 dispenser shall keep these records available for
15 inspection and copying by the designated state
16 agency."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Electronic Prescription Accountability System

Description:

Amends section 329-101(b) and (d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to require that the dispensing of a pharmacist-prescribed opioid antagonist be reported to the State's Electronic Prescription Accountability System.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.

PURPOSE: To amend section 329-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to require that the dispensing of a pharmacist-prescribed opioid antagonist be reported to the State's Electronic Prescription Accountability System.

MEANS: Amend section 329-101(b) and (d), HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: Proposed amendments to section 329-101, HRS, will accomplish the following:

- (1) Require the Narcotics Enforcement Division to identify the opioid antagonists that need to be reported to the Electronic Prescription Accountability System when they are prescribed by a pharmacist.
- (2) Require that information on any related to pharmacist-prescribed opioid antagonists be reported to the Electronic Prescription Accountability System in numerical format, not less than once every seven days.
- (3) Make housekeeping changes to eliminate unnecessary language in subsection (b).

Impact on the public: This bill is intended to: (1) assist pharmacists with greater efficiency when a pharmacist issues a prescription for an opioid antagonist, and (2) potentially increase the amount of pharmacist-prescribed opioid antagonist prescriptions, thereby increasing the availability of these lifesaving drugs in the community.

Impact on the department and other agencies:

These proposed amendments would assist the Department of Health in studying the efficacy of Act 255, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, which allows a pharmacist to independently prescribe opioid antagonists to the public.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: PSD 502.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Department of Health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.