



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes a pharmacist to simultaneously dispense multiple refills of a prescription for a noncontrolled substance if certain conditions are met.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Simultaneous dispensing of prescription refills

The bill authorizes a pharmacist to fill one or more refills of a prescription when the prescription is originally filled, or to fill multiple refills of a prescription at one time,¹ if the following conditions are met:

(1) The prescription is not for a controlled substance;²

(2) The prescriber did not include limiting language on the prescription, such as "dispense quantity written," or otherwise specify that the quantity of the drug is to be dispensed as ordered;³

(3) The amount of the drug dispensed at one time does not exceed a 90-day supply as specified in the prescription;⁴

¹ R.C. 4729.40(A).

² R.C. 4729.40(B)(1).

³ R.C. 4729.40(B)(2).

⁴ R.C. 4729.40(B)(3).

(4) Dispensing multiple refills is appropriate for the patient, as determined by the pharmacist's exercise of professional judgment.⁵

Currently, administrative rules adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy prevent a pharmacist from dispensing a quantity of drugs greater than that prescribed without the prescriber's authorization.⁶

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	07-13-15

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⁵ R.C. 4729.40(B)(4).

⁶ O.A.C. 4729-5-21(H).

