



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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(S. Health, Human Services & Medicaid)

Out-of-state practitioners and volunteer health services

Specifies that an out-of-state nurse is not prohibited from providing volunteer services during a charitable event if the nurse's activities are limited to those that the same type of Ohio-licensed nurse may perform (as opposed to being "deemed" to hold an Ohio license during the event as in the House-passed version).

Limits an out-of-state health care professional's scope of practice during a charitable event if the professional has a more limited scope in the other state.

Requires the out-of-state health care professional or the event's organizer to give the relevant licensing board notice of the intent to practice at least seven days before the event begins.

Pharmacist administration of immunizations

Adds a provision to the House-passed version replacing an existing Pharmacy Board duty to approve individual immunization administration courses and protocols for pharmacists and pharmacy interns with a requirement to adopt rules specifying requirements for the courses and protocols.

Adds a provision authorizing a pharmacist or pharmacy intern to complete a course in basic life-support that is approved by the Pharmacy Board as an alternative to a course certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association.

Home medical equipment regulation

Adds a provision to the House-passed version eliminating differences between how the Pharmacy Board currently must conduct investigations and other regulatory functions with respect to home medical equipment providers versus other professionals the Board regulates.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy

Adds a provision to the House-passed version clarifying that a physician is readily available for consultation with a podiatrist who supervises hyperbaric oxygen therapy if the physician is able to communicate with the podiatrist in a timely fashion either in person or by oral, written, or electronic means.

Kinship Child Care Program

Modifies an earmark for the Kinship Caregiver Child Care Program established in the main appropriations act for the 132nd General Assembly (H.B. 49) to specify that the fiscal year 2019 funds be used to support kinship care and require that the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services allocate the remaining funds to the county departments of job and family services for providing relief of child caring functions for kinship caregivers.