

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This bill, if enacted, would permit a pharmacist to dispense a 90-day supply of a prescription drug under certain circumstances.

### Section

**1**      **Extended supply.** Amends § 151.21, by adding subdivision 9. Paragraph (a) allows a pharmacist to dispense up to a 90-day supply of a prescription drug to a patient who has completed an initial 30-day supply of the prescription drug if the patient returns to the pharmacy for a refill when:

- the quantity dispensed by the pharmacist does not exceed the total quantity of the remaining refills authorized by the prescriber; and
- the pharmacist is exercising professional judgment.

Paragraph (b) provides that the initial 30-day supply requirement is not required if the prescription was previously filled with a 90-day supply.

Paragraph (c) prohibits a pharmacist from exceeding the number of dosage units prescribed for an initial prescription or refills if:

- the prescriber specified on the prescription that the pharmacist may not exceed the number of dosage units identified on the prescription; or
- the prescription drug is a controlled substance as defined in §152.01, subd. 4.