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Overview

This bill expands the activities that pharmacists are authorized to perform and defines the term "patient counseling."

- 1 Practice of pharmacy.** Amends § 151.01, subd. 27. Modifies the definition of "practice of pharmacy" to allow pharmacists to engage in the following practices:
 - interpretation and evaluation of orders affecting drug therapy;
 - provision of patient counseling about drug therapy;
 - participation in the monitoring of drug therapy;
 - participation in the selection of therapeutic devices; drug administration for first dosage, immunizations, and emergencies; and participation in drug or drug-related research; and
 - participation in managing and modifying drug therapy, according to a written protocol with a practitioner who has prescribing authority.
- 2 Patient counseling.** Adds subd. 31 to § 151.01. Defines "patient counseling" to mean "pharmacist counseling," as described in federal law. (Under federal law, pharmacist counseling means the pharmacist offers to discuss certain issues about the prescription with the person filling the prescription, including the name and description of the medication; the dosage, method of administration, and length of time the medication should be used; special directions and precautions; common, severe side effects, adverse effects, interactions, and contraindications; how to self-monitor drug therapy; proper storage; information on refilling the prescription; and what to do in the event of a missed dose. Also, the pharmacist must try to obtain and record the name and other identifying information on the person filling the prescription, the person's individual medical history where significant, and pharmacist comments relevant to the drug therapy.)