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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill modifies the definition of "practice of pharmacy" and expands the activities that pharmacists are authorized to perform.

- 1 Practice of pharmacy.** Amends § 151.01, subd. 27. Modifies the definition of "practice of pharmacy" to allow pharmacists to engage in the following additional practices:
 - participation in the monitoring of drug therapy;
 - participation in the selection of therapeutic devices; drug administration for first dosage, and emergencies; and participation in drug or drug-related research; and
 - participation in managing and modifying drug therapy, on a case-by-case basis according to a written protocol between the specific pharmacist and an individual practitioner who has prescribing authority and is responsible for the patient's care. If the pharmacist makes a significant change in the patient's drug therapy, that change must be reported to the patient's medical record.

Also makes several technical changes to this subdivision.