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Overview

This bill exempts licensed manufacturers, licensed wholesale drug distributors, and logistics providers that distribute home dialysis supplies and devices from the requirements of pharmacy licensure, under certain conditions. The bill also provides circumstances under which a pharmacist may accept emergency prescription orders when not present in a pharmacy, and the processes for accepting and filling such orders.

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- 1 Receipt of emergency prescription orders. Amends § 151.15 by adding subd. 5. Adds subdivision allowing a pharmacist to accept a prescription drug order when not present in a pharmacy, in specified circumstances.
- **Processing of emergency prescription orders.** Amends § 151.15 by adding subd. 6. Adds subdivision outlining the required processes for accepting and filling a prescription under subdivision 5, in emergency circumstances.
- **Pharmacy licensure requirements.** Amends § 151.19, subd. 1. Specifies that pharmacy licensing requirements do not apply to manufacturers, wholesale drug distributors, and logistics providers who distribute home dialysis supplies and devices, if:
 - the manufacturer leases or owns the licensed manufacturing or wholesaling facility from which the dialysate or devices will be delivered;
 - the dialysis supplies meet certain specifications;
 - the supplies are only delivered pursuant to physician's order by a Minnesota licensed pharmacy;

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- the entity keeps records for at least 3 years, available to the board upon request; and
- the entity delivers the supplies directly to a patient with end-stage renal disease or the patient's designee, for dialysis, or to a health care provider or institution, for the same purpose.
- 4 Prohibited drug purchases or receipt. Amends § 151.46. Provides exception to prohibition on licensed wholesale drug distributors that are not pharmacies directly dispensing or distributing drugs, for home dialysis supplies under section 3.