

Subject Opioids

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## Overview

This bill makes a number of changes related to opioids. These changes include:

- establishing the opiate epidemic response fund as a replacement for the opiate epidemic response account and making conforming changes;
- increasing application and renewal fees for opiate manufacturers from \$55,000 to \$55,260, with \$260 of this amount being deposited into the state government special revenue fund;
- reducing application and renewal fees for medical gas dispensers from \$5,260 to \$260, and changing the terminology by replacing the term medical gas distributor with medical gas dispenser;
- eliminating the requirement that opiate and narcotic pain reliever prescriptions be filled, or refilled, within 30 days; and
- allowing the Minnesota Hospital Association to appoint its representative to the Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council, and reducing term lengths for council members from four to three years.

## Summary

Section	Description
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1	<b>Exceptions.</b>
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	Amends § 16A.151, subd. 2. Renames the opiate epidemic response account the opiate epidemic response fund. This change is made in a number of sections.
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2	<b>Application fees.</b>
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	Amends § 151.065, subd. 1. Increases the Board of Pharmacy application fee for opiate manufacturers from \$55,000 to \$55,260. Reduces the fee for medical gas dispensers from \$5,260 to \$260. Changes terminology used to refer to medical gas
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	distributors, by renaming these entities medical gas dispensers; this change is made in a number of sections. Provides a July 1, 2020, effective date.
<b>3</b>	<b>Annual renewal fees.</b> Amends § 151.065, subd. 3. Increases the Board of Pharmacy renewal fee for opiate manufacturers from \$55,000 to \$55,260. Reduces the fee for medical gas dispensers from \$5,260 to \$260. Changes terminology used to refer to medical gas distributors, by renaming these entities medical gas dispensers. Provides a July 1, 2020, effective date.
<b>4</b>	<b>Reinstatement fee.</b> Amends § 151.065, subd. 6. Changes terminology used to refer to medical gas distributors, by renaming these entities medical gas dispensers.
<b>5</b>	<b>Deposit of fees.</b> Amends § 151.065, subd. 7. Requires \$55,000 of each application or renewal fee paid to the Board of Pharmacy by opiate manufacturers to be deposited in the opiate epidemic response fund; the fee balance of \$260 would be deposited into the state government special revenue fund. Under current law, the entire fee of \$55,260 would be deposited in the opiate epidemic response fund. Also makes a conforming change related to the fee reduction for medical gas dispensers and changes terminology.
<b>6</b>	<b>Grounds for disciplinary action.</b> Amends § 151.071, subd. 2. Changes terminology used to refer to medical gas distributors, by renaming these entities medical gas dispensers. Makes a technical change.
<b>7</b>	<b>Temporary suspension of license for pharmacies, drug wholesalers, drug manufacturers, medical gas manufacturers, and medical gas dispensers.</b> Amends § 151.071, subd. 8. Changes terminology used to refer to medical gas distributors, by renaming these entities medical gas dispensers. Makes a technical change.
<b>8</b>	<b>Sale of federally restricted medical gases.</b> Amends § 151.19, subd. 3. Changes terminology used to refer to medical gas distributors, by renaming these entities medical gas dispensers. Also makes conforming and technical changes.

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9	<b>Requirements.</b> Amends § 151.252, subd. 1. Renames the opiate epidemic response account the opiate epidemic response fund.
10	<b>General prescription requirements for controlled substances.</b> Amends § 152.11, subd. 1. Eliminates the requirement that prescriptions for opiate or narcotic pain relievers listed in schedules II through IV not be initially dispensed more than 30 days after the date on which the prescription was issued, and not refilled more than 30 days after the previous date on which the prescription was initially filled or refilled. Also eliminates related language on additional authorizations.
11	<b>Membership.</b> Amends § 256.042, subd. 2. Allows the Minnesota Hospital Association to appoint its representative on the Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council. Also reduces the term length of council members from four to three years.
12	<b>Grants.</b> Amends § 256.042, subd. 4. Renames the opiate epidemic response account the opiate epidemic response fund.
13	<b>Opiate epidemic response fund.</b> Amends § 256.043. Establishes the opiate epidemic response fund as a replacement for the opiate epidemic response account. Converts existing transfers to the Board of Pharmacy and the commissioner of public safety into appropriations and makes conforming changes.
14	<b>Appropriations.</b> Amends Laws 2019, chapter 63, article 3, section 1. Renames the opiate epidemic response account the opiate epidemic response fund.
15	<b>Transfer.</b> Amends Laws 2019, chapter 63, article 3, section 2. Renames the opiate epidemic response account the opiate epidemic response fund.



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