

Subject Pharmacist prescribing authority; pharmacist and pharmacist intern ground for disciplinary action

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Overview

This bill permits pharmacists to initiate, prescribe, dispense, and administer drugs to treat opioid use disorder, including drugs in Schedule III, IV, or V of the controlled substances schedule. It also makes it a ground for disciplinary action by the Board of Pharmacy if a pharmacist or pharmacist intern departs from accepted standards for health care that would be provided in a similar setting by a reasonable, prudent pharmacist or pharmacist intern.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Practitioner.</p> <p>Amends § 151.01, subd. 23. In the definition of practitioner in the Pharmacy Practice Act, strikes references to the specific medications pharmacists are authorized to prescribe and instead adds references to the statutes authorizing pharmacists to prescribe these medications.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Practice of pharmacy.</p> <p>Amends § 151.01, subd. 27. Adds to the definition of the practice of pharmacy in the Pharmacy Practice Act, the acts of initiating, prescribing, dispensing, and administering drugs to treat opioid use disorder. Also corrects a term.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Grounds for disciplinary action.</p> <p>Amends § 151.071, subd. 2. Makes it a ground for disciplinary action by the Board of Pharmacy if a pharmacist or pharmacist intern engages in conduct that departs from or fails to conform with accepted standards for health care that would be provided in a similar setting by a reasonable, prudent pharmacist or pharmacist intern.</p> |

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4	<p>Treatment of opioid use disorder.</p> <p>Adds subd. 18 to § 151.37. Permits a pharmacist to prescribe, administer, and dispense legend drugs and controlled substances in Schedules III, IV, and V to treat opioid use disorder if the pharmacist determines the treatment is indicated and necessary and the pharmacist documents assessment, treatment, response, and monitoring in the patient’s health record. For a pharmacist to prescribe a drug to treat opioid use disorder, requires the pharmacist to complete a training program required under federal law for the treatment of substance use disorders and obtain a DEA registration number. Requires a pharmacist to counsel a patient before dispensing a drug to treat opioid use disorder, and prohibits a pharmacist from delegating authority to prescribe a drug to treat opioid use disorder. Specifies a pharmacist is permitted to participate in drug therapy according to a protocol for opioid use disorder, to dispense or administer drugs to treat opioid use disorder under a prescription issued by another practitioner, and to charge for services under this subdivision.</p>
5	<p>Prescription requirements for Schedules III or IV controlled substances.</p> <p>Amends § 152.11, subd. 2. In a subdivision governing prescription requirements for Schedule III or IV controlled substances, specifies a person may dispense Schedule III or IV controlled substances according to a prescription issued by a pharmacist, for medications a pharmacist is permitted to prescribe under section 151.37.</p>
6	<p>Pharmacist.</p> <p>Adds subd. 2a to § 152.12. Permits pharmacists to prescribe, administer, and dispense controlled substances in Schedules III, IV, and V to treat opioid use disorder, and permits pharmacist interns to administer these medications under a pharmacist’s direction and supervision.</p>



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