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Senate Bill 352 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Bill Hardiman
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to allow a pharmacy to perform centralized prescription processing services or outsource those services to another pharmacy if certain conditions were met.

Specifically, a pharmacy that performed, or contracted for, centralized prescription processing services would have to maintain a policy and procedures manual, along with documentation that implementation was occurring, and each would have to be made available to the Michigan Board of Pharmacy for inspection and review upon request.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4434, which would exempt pharmacies that shared a real-time, on-line database or transferred prescriptions pursuant to a written contract for centralized prescription processing services, from provisions of the Code requiring a pharmacist to follow a specified procedure to refill a copy of a prescription from another pharmacy.

Proposed MCL 333.17753

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FISCAL IMPACT

Pharmacies making use of an online database or a centralized prescription processing service for the transfer of prescriptions likely would see a reduction in administrative cost. This could lead to moderate cost savings to the State for prescriptions filled for Medicaid fee-for-service recipients, people insured through State employee health plans, and individuals treated at State-run medical facilities.

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