

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 360**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 17751 (MCL 333.17751), as amended by 2016 PA  
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**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 17751. (1) A pharmacist shall not dispense a drug  
2 requiring a prescription under the federal act or a law of this  
3 state except under authority of an original prescription or an  
4 equivalent record of an original prescription approved by the  
5 board.

6           (2) Subject to subsection (5), a pharmacist may dispense a  
7 prescription written and signed; written or created in an  
8 electronic format, signed, and transmitted by facsimile; or  
9 transmitted electronically or by other means of communication by a  
10 physician prescriber, dentist prescriber, or veterinarian

1 prescriber in another state, but not including a prescription for a  
2 controlled substance ~~as defined in section 7104~~ except under  
3 circumstances described in section 17763(e), only if the pharmacist  
4 in the exercise of his or her professional judgment determines all  
5 of the following:

6 (a) Except as otherwise authorized under section 5110, 17744a,  
7 or 17744b, if the prescriber is a physician or dentist, that the  
8 prescription was issued pursuant to an existing physician-patient  
9 or dentist-patient relationship.

10 (b) That the prescription is authentic.

11 (c) That the prescribed drug is appropriate and necessary for  
12 the treatment of an acute, chronic, or recurrent condition.

13 (3) A pharmacist or a prescriber shall dispense a prescription  
14 only if the prescription falls within the scope of practice of the  
15 prescriber.

16 (4) A pharmacist shall not knowingly dispense a prescription  
17 after the death of the prescriber or patient.

18 (5) A pharmacist shall not dispense a drug or device under a  
19 prescription transmitted by facsimile or created in electronic  
20 format and printed out for use by the patient unless the document  
21 is manually signed by the prescriber. This subsection does not  
22 apply to a prescription that is transmitted by a computer to a  
23 facsimile machine if that prescription complies with section 17754.

24 (6) After consultation with and agreement from the prescriber,  
25 a pharmacist may add or change a patient's address, **A** dosage form,  
26 **A** drug strength, **A** drug quantity, ~~directions~~ **A DIRECTION** for use,  
27 or **AN** issue date with regard to a prescription. A pharmacist shall

1 note the details of the consultation and agreement required under  
2 this subsection on the prescription and shall maintain that  
3 documentation with the prescription as required in section 17752. A  
4 pharmacist shall not change the patient's name, controlled  
5 substance prescribed unless authorized to dispense a lower cost  
6 generically equivalent drug product under section 17755, or the  
7 prescriber's signature with regard to a prescription.

8 (7) A prescription that is contained within a patient's chart  
9 in a health facility or agency licensed under article 17 or other  
10 medical institution and that is transmitted to a pharmacy under  
11 section 17744 is the original prescription. If all other  
12 requirements of this part are met, a pharmacist shall dispense a  
13 drug or device under a prescription described in this subsection. A  
14 pharmacist may dispense a drug or device under a prescription  
15 described in this subsection even if the prescription does not  
16 contain the quantity ordered. If a prescription described in this  
17 subsection does not contain the quantity ordered, the pharmacist  
18 shall consult with the prescriber to determine an agreed-upon  
19 quantity. The pharmacist shall record the quantity dispensed on the  
20 prescription and shall maintain that documentation with the  
21 prescription as required in section 17752.

22 (8) IF, AFTER CONSULTING WITH A PATIENT, A PHARMACIST  
23 DETERMINES IN THE EXERCISE OF HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT THAT  
24 DISPENSING ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG IS  
25 APPROPRIATE FOR THE PATIENT, THE PHARMACIST MAY DISPENSE, AT ONE  
26 TIME, ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG UP TO THE  
27 TOTAL NUMBER OF DOSAGE UNITS AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESCRIBER ON THE

1 ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION FOR THE PATIENT AND ANY REFILLS OF THE  
2 PRESCRIPTION. EXCEPT FOR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE INCLUDED IN  
3 SCHEDULE 5 THAT DOES NOT CONTAIN AN OPIOID, THIS SUBSECTION DOES  
4 NOT APPLY TO A PRESCRIPTION FOR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.

5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
6 after the date it is enacted into law.