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- Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by inserting after "opioids" 1
- 2 further providing for definitions, for powers and duties of
- 3 board, for requirements for dispensers and pharmacies and for
- 4 requirements for prescribers,
- 5 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 12 through 15, by striking out all
- of said lines 6
- 7 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 29 and 30
- 8 Section 1. Section 3 the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911,
- 9 No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All
- Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, is amended by adding 10
- 11 definitions to read:
- Section 3. Definitions. 12

13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall 14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: 15

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"Benzodiazepine." A psychoactive drug whose core chemical structure is the fusion of a benzene ring and a diazepine ring and works on the central nervous system, acting selectively on gamma-aminobutyric acid type A (GABA(A)) receptors in the brain.

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"Observation status." When a patient receives onsite services from the hospital for more than 23 consecutive hours, the onsite services received by the patient include a hospital bed and meals that have been provided in an area of the hospital other than the hospital emergency room, and the patient has not been formally admitted as an inpatient at the hospital.

"Opioid drug product." Any of the following:

- (1) A preparation or derivative of opium.
- 30 (2) A synthetic narcotic that has opiate-like effects, but is not derived from opium. 31
- (3) A group of naturally occurring peptides that bind at 32 33 or otherwise influence opiate receptors, including opioid
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Section 2. Sections 5(5) of the act is amended by adding a
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   subparagraph to read:
   Section 5. Powers and duties of board.
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       The board shall have the following powers and duties:
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           (5) Develop policies and procedures to:
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               (xvi) Require and ensure registration of all
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          prescribers and dispensers with the program.
       Section 3. Section 7(c) and 8(a) of the act are amended and
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   the sections are amended by adding subsections to read:
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   Section 7. Requirements for dispensers and pharmacies.
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       (c) Frequency. -- A dispenser or pharmacy shall submit all
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   information required under subsection (b) to the system no later
   than [72 hours] the close of the subsequent business day after
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   dispensing a controlled substance.
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      (e) System query.--
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           (1) A dispenser shall query the system before dispensing
      an opioid drug product or a benzodiazepine prescribed to a
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      patient if any of the following apply:
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               (i) The patient is a new patient of the dispenser.
               (ii) The patient pays cash when they have insurance.
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               (iii) The patient requests a refill early.
               (iv) The patient is getting opioid drug products or
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          benzodiazepines from more than one prescriber.
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          (2) For the purposes of this subsection, a new patient
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      does not include an individual going to the same pharmacy, or
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       a different physical location of that pharmacy, if the
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      patient's record is available to the dispenser.
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   Section 8. Requirements for prescribers.
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       (a) System query. -- A prescriber shall query the system:
           (1) for each patient the first time the patient is
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      prescribed a controlled substance by the prescriber for
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      purposes of establishing a baseline and a thorough medical
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       record; [or]
           (2) if a prescriber believes or has reason to believe,
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       using sound clinical judgment, that a patient may be abusing
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       or diverting drugs[.]; or
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          (3) each time a patient is prescribed an opioid drug
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      product or benzodiazepine by the prescriber.
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       (a.1) Query not required. -- If a patient has been admitted to
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   a licensed health care facility or is in observation status in a
   licensed health care facility, the prescriber does not need to
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   query the system after the initial query under subsection (a)(1)
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   as long as the patient remains admitted to the licensed health
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   care facility or remains in observation status in a licensed
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   health care facility.
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Section 4. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

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- 1 Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by striking out "2" and
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