



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1699

PRINTERS NO. 3587

PRIME SPONSOR: R. Brown

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1699, Printer's Number 3587 creates the Safe Emergency Prescribing Act and codifies existing guidelines by placing a limit on the quantity of opioid drug products a health care practitioner can prescribe to a patient seeking treatment in an emergency department or urgent care center. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation limits a health care practitioner prescribing an opioid drug product to an individual seeking treatment in an emergency department or urgent care center to a quantity sufficient for no more than seven days. The health care practitioner may prescribe more than a seven day supply if in their professional medical judgement, it is required to treat a patient's acute medical condition or is necessary for the treatment of pain associated with a cancer diagnosis or for palliative care. The condition must be documented in the patient's medical record, the health care practitioner must indicate a non-opioid alternative was not appropriate to treat the medical condition and that the health care practitioner provided the patient with a pain management referral.

A health care practitioner in an emergency department or urgent care center may not authorize refilling a prescription for an opioid drug product that has been lost, stolen or destroyed and must refer an individual believed to be at risk for substance abuse for treatment.

This bill also requires that a health care practitioner access the prescription drug monitoring program to determine whether a patient may be under treatment with an opioid drug product by another health care practitioner, unless the medication is provided in the course of treatment while the patient is admitted to a hospital or under the care of an emergency department.

The Department of Health is required to promulgate regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.