



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1699

PRINTERS NO. 4108

PRIME SPONSOR: R. Brown

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1699, Printer's Number 4108 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, or who is in observation status in a hospital. 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 and the health care practitioner must indicate a non-opioid alternative was not appropriate to treat the medical condition.

A health care practitioner in an emergency department or urgent care center, or who is caring for a patient in observation status may not write a prescription refill for an opioid drug product and must refer an individual believed to be at risk for substance abuse for treatment.

This bill also requires that a health care practitioner query 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 undergoing care in 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.*