



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 542

PRINTERS NO. 1263

PRIME SPONSOR: Browne

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 542, Printer's Number 1263, amends the Pharmacy Act to allow for emergency refills of medications which are not dispensed or sold in 72-hour supplies. This legislation is effective immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** Currently the Pharmacy Act only allows pharmacists to provide emergency refills of medication up to a 72-hour supply. This legislation will allow a pharmacist to dispense up to a 30-day emergency supply for a prescription that is not dispensed or sold in a 72-hour supply. The following restrictions already in the Pharmacy Act must continue to be met:

- Pharmacist makes an attempt to obtain authorization from the prescriber
- The drug is not a controlled substance
- The drug to be refilled is essential to the maintenance of life
- The drug to be refilled is essential to the continuation of therapy in chronic conditions
- The pharmacist informs the prescriber the emergency refill was provided to the patient within 72 hours of the refill

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation should have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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