

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5407**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 1106, 17745, 17751, 17754, and 17757 (MCL  
333.1106, 333.17745, 333.17751, 333.17754, and 333.17757), section  
1106 as amended by 2000 PA 58, sections 17745, 17751, and 17757 as  
amended by 2013 PA 186, and section 17754 as amended by 2013 PA  
268, and by adding sections 7421 and 17744b.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1       Sec. 1106. (1) "OPIOID ANTAGONIST" MEANS NALOXONE  
2       HYDROCHLORIDE OR ANY OTHER SIMILARLY ACTING AND EQUALLY SAFE DRUG  
3       APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE  
4       TREATMENT OF DRUG OVERDOSE.  
5       (2) "OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE" MEANS A CONDITION, INCLUDING,

1 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EXTREME PHYSICAL ILLNESS, DECREASED LEVEL OF  
2 CONSCIOUSNESS, RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION, COMA, OR DEATH, THAT RESULTS  
3 FROM THE CONSUMPTION OR USE OF AN OPIOID OR ANOTHER SUBSTANCE WITH  
4 WHICH AN OPIOID WAS COMBINED OR THAT A LAYPERSON WOULD REASONABLY  
5 BELIEVE TO BE AN OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE THAT REQUIRES MEDICAL  
6 ASSISTANCE.

7 (3) ~~(1)~~—"Parentage registry" means the department's  
8 compilation of data concerning children's parentage, which data the  
9 department receives from any source, including, but not limited to,  
10 a copy of an order of filiation from the circuit court or an  
11 acknowledgment of paternity or parentage under this act, under  
12 section 2114 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA  
13 386, MCL 700.2114, or under the acknowledgment of parentage act,  
14 1996 PA 305, MCL 722.1001 to 722.1013.

15 (4) ~~(2)~~—"Person" means an individual, partnership,  
16 cooperative, association, private corporation, personal  
17 representative, receiver, trustee, assignee, or other legal entity.  
18 Person does not include a governmental entity unless specifically  
19 provided.

20 SEC. 7421. BY FEBRUARY 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 COMMUNITY HEALTH SHALL ASCERTAIN, DOCUMENT, AND PUBLISH A REPORT ON  
22 THE NUMBER, TRENDS, PATTERNS, AND RISK FACTORS RELATED TO OPIOID-  
23 RELATED OVERDOSE FATALITIES THAT OCCURRED IN THIS STATE IN THE  
24 PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT  
25 INFORMATION ON INTERVENTIONS THAT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING  
26 THE RATE OF FATAL OR NONFATAL OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSES IN THIS  
27 STATE.

1        SEC. 17744B. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT TO  
2        THE CONTRARY, A PRESCRIBER MAY ISSUE A PRESCRIPTION FOR AND A  
3        DISPENSING PRESCRIBER OR PHARMACIST MAY DISPENSE AN OPIOID  
4        ANTAGONIST TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

5        (A) AN INDIVIDUAL PATIENT AT RISK OF EXPERIENCING AN OPIOID-  
6        RELATED OVERDOSE.

7        (B) A FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND, OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL IN A POSITION  
8        TO ASSIST AN INDIVIDUAL AT RISK OF EXPERIENCING AN OPIOID-RELATED  
9        OVERDOSE.

10       (C) A PERSON OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL THAT MEETS ALL OF THE  
11       FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

12       (i) ACTS AT THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESCRIBER OR DISPENSING  
13       PRESCRIBER.

14       (ii) UPON RECEIPT OF AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST, STORES THE OPIOID  
15       ANTAGONIST IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PART.

16       (iii) DISPENSES OR ADMINISTERS AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST UNDER A  
17       VALID PRESCRIPTION ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR A PATIENT.

18       (iv) PERFORMS THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION WITHOUT  
19       CHARGE OR COMPENSATION.

20       (2) WHEN ISSUING A PRESCRIPTION FOR OR DISPENSING AN OPIOID  
21       ANTAGONIST AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION TO A PERSON OTHER THAN  
22       A PATIENT, THE PRESCRIBER, DISPENSING PRESCRIBER, OR PHARMACIST, AS  
23       APPROPRIATE, SHALL INSERT THE NAME OF THE PERSON AS THE NAME OF THE  
24       PATIENT.

25       (3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT TO THE CONTRARY,  
26       A PERSON THAT IS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND WITH REASONABLE CARE MAY  
27       POSSESS AND DISPENSE AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST.

1           (4) A PRESCRIBER WHO ISSUES A PRESCRIPTION FOR OR A DISPENSING  
2       PRESCRIBER OR PHARMACIST WHO DISPENSES AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST AS  
3       AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT LIABLE IN A CIVIL ACTION FOR A  
4       PROPERLY STORED AND DISPENSED OPIOID ANTAGONIST THAT WAS A  
5       PROXIMATE CAUSE OF INJURY OR DEATH TO AN INDIVIDUAL DUE TO THE  
6       ADMINISTRATION OF OR FAILURE TO ADMINISTER THE OPIOID ANTAGONIST.

7           Sec. 17745. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this  
8       subsection, a prescriber who wishes to dispense prescription drugs  
9       shall obtain from the board a drug control license for each  
10      location in which the storage and dispensing of prescription drugs  
11      occur. A drug control license is not necessary if the dispensing  
12      occurs in the emergency department, emergency room, or trauma  
13      center of a hospital licensed under article 17 or if the dispensing  
14      involves only the issuance of complimentary starter dose drugs.

15          (2) Except as otherwise provided in section 17744a **OR 17744B**,  
16      a dispensing prescriber shall dispense prescription drugs only to  
17      his or her own patients.

18          (3) A dispensing prescriber shall include in a patient's chart  
19      or clinical record a complete record, including prescription drug  
20      names, dosages, and quantities, of all prescription drugs dispensed  
21      directly by the dispensing prescriber or indirectly under his or  
22      her delegatory authority. If prescription drugs are dispensed under  
23      the prescriber's delegatory authority, the delegatee who dispenses  
24      the prescription drugs shall initial the patient's chart, clinical  
25      record, or log of prescription drugs dispensed. In a patient's  
26      chart or clinical record, a dispensing prescriber shall distinguish  
27      between prescription drugs dispensed to the patient, prescription

1 drugs prescribed for the patient, and prescription drugs dispensed  
2 or prescribed as authorized under section 17744a **OR 17744B**. A  
3 dispensing prescriber shall retain information required under this  
4 subsection for not less than 5 years after the information is  
5 entered in the patient's chart or clinical record.

6 (4) A dispensing prescriber shall store prescription drugs  
7 under conditions that will maintain their stability, integrity, and  
8 effectiveness and will assure that the prescription drugs are free  
9 of contamination, deterioration, and adulteration.

10 (5) A dispensing prescriber shall store prescription drugs in  
11 a substantially constructed, securely lockable cabinet. Access to  
12 the cabinet shall be limited to individuals authorized to dispense  
13 prescription drugs in compliance with this part and article 7.

14 (6) Unless otherwise requested by a patient, a dispensing  
15 prescriber shall dispense a prescription drug in a safety closure  
16 container that complies with the poison prevention packaging act of  
17 1970, 15 USC 1471 to 1477.

18 (7) A dispensing prescriber shall dispense a drug in a  
19 container that bears a label containing all of the following  
20 information:

21 (a) The name and address of the location from which the  
22 prescription drug is dispensed.

23 (b) Except as otherwise authorized under section 17744a **OR**  
24 **17744B**, the patient's name and record number.

25 (c) The date the prescription drug was dispensed.

26 (d) The prescriber's name or, if dispensed under the  
27 prescriber's delegatory authority, the name of the delegatee.

1 (e) The directions for use.

2 (f) The name and strength of the prescription drug.

3 (g) The quantity dispensed.

4 (h) The expiration date of the prescription drug or the  
5 statement required under section 17756.

6 (8) A dispensing prescriber who dispenses a complimentary  
7 starter dose drug to a patient shall give the patient at least all  
8 of the following information, either by dispensing the  
9 complimentary starter dose drug to the patient in a container that  
10 bears a label containing the information or by giving the patient a  
11 written document that may include, but is not limited to, a  
12 preprinted insert that comes with the complimentary starter dose  
13 drug, that contains all of the following information:

14 (a) The name and strength of the complimentary starter dose  
15 drug.

16 (b) Directions for the patient's use of the complimentary  
17 starter dose drug.

18 (c) The expiration date of the complimentary starter dose drug  
19 or the statement required under section 17756.

20 (9) The information required under subsection (8) is in  
21 addition to, and does not supersede or modify, other state or  
22 federal law regulating the labeling of prescription drugs.

23 (10) In addition to meeting the requirements of this part, a  
24 dispensing prescriber who dispenses controlled substances shall  
25 comply with section 7303a.

26 (11) The board may periodically inspect locations from which  
27 prescription drugs are dispensed.

1           (12) The act, task, or function of dispensing prescription  
2 drugs shall be delegated only as provided in this part and sections  
3 16215, 17048, 17076, 17212, and 17548.

4           (13) A supervising physician may delegate in writing to a  
5 pharmacist practicing in a hospital pharmacy within a hospital  
6 licensed under article 17 the receipt of complimentary starter dose  
7 drugs other than controlled substances as defined by article 7 or  
8 federal law. When the delegated receipt of complimentary starter  
9 dose drugs occurs, both the pharmacist's name and the supervising  
10 physician's name shall be used, recorded, or otherwise indicated in  
11 connection with each receipt. A pharmacist described in this  
12 subsection may dispense a prescription for complimentary starter  
13 dose drugs written or transmitted by facsimile, electronic  
14 transmission, or other means of communication by a prescriber.

15           (14) As used in this section, "complimentary starter dose"  
16 means a prescription drug packaged, dispensed, and distributed in  
17 accordance with state and federal law that is provided to a  
18 dispensing prescriber free of charge by a manufacturer or  
19 distributor and dispensed free of charge by the dispensing  
20 prescriber to his or her patients.

21           Sec. 17751. (1) A pharmacist shall not dispense a drug  
22 requiring a prescription under the federal act or a law of this  
23 state except under authority of an original prescription or an  
24 equivalent record of an original prescription approved by the  
25 board.

26           (2) Subject to subsection (5), a pharmacist may dispense a  
27 prescription written and signed; written or created in an

1 electronic format, signed, and transmitted by facsimile; or  
2 transmitted electronically or by other means of communication by a  
3 physician prescriber or dentist prescriber in a state other than  
4 Michigan, but not including a prescription for a controlled  
5 substance as defined in section 7104 except under circumstances  
6 described in section 17763(e), only if the pharmacist in the  
7 exercise of his or her professional judgment determines all of the  
8 following:

9 (a) Except as otherwise authorized under section 17744a **OR**  
10 **17744B**, that the prescription was issued pursuant to an existing  
11 physician-patient or dentist-patient relationship.

12 (b) That the prescription is authentic.

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

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

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

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

26 (6) After consultation with and agreement from the prescriber,  
27 a pharmacist may add or change a patient's address, dosage form,



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

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

24 Sec. 17754. (1) Except as otherwise provided under article 7,  
25 article 8, and the federal act, a prescription may be transmitted  
26 electronically if the prescription is transmitted in compliance  
27 with the health insurance portability and accountability act of

1 1996, Public Law 104-191, or regulations promulgated under that  
2 act, 45 CFR parts 160 and 164, by a prescriber or his or her agent  
3 and the data are not altered or modified in the transmission  
4 process. The electronically transmitted prescription shall include  
5 all of the following information:

6 (a) The name, address, and telephone number of the prescriber.

7 (b) Except as otherwise authorized under section 17744a **OR**  
8 **17744B**, the full name of the patient for whom the prescription is  
9 issued.

10 (c) An electronic signature or other identifier that  
11 specifically identifies and authenticates the prescriber or his or  
12 her agent.

13 (d) The time and date of the transmission.

14 (e) The identity of the pharmacy intended to receive the  
15 transmission.

16 (f) Any other information required by the federal act or state  
17 law.

18 (2) The electronic equipment or system utilized in the  
19 transmission and communication of prescriptions shall provide  
20 adequate confidentiality safeguards and be maintained to protect  
21 patient confidentiality as required under any applicable federal  
22 and state law and to ensure against unauthorized access. The  
23 electronic transmission of a prescription shall be communicated in  
24 a retrievable, recognizable form acceptable to the intended  
25 recipient. The electronic form utilized in the transmission of a  
26 prescription shall not include "dispense as written" or "d.a.w." as  
27 the default setting.

1 (3) Before dispensing a prescription that is electronically  
2 transmitted, the pharmacist shall exercise professional judgment  
3 regarding the accuracy, validity, and authenticity of the  
4 transmitted prescription.

5 (4) An electronically transmitted prescription that meets the  
6 requirements of this section is the original prescription.

7 Sec. 17757. (1) Upon a request made in person or by telephone,  
8 a pharmacist engaged in the business of selling drugs at retail  
9 shall provide the current selling price of a drug dispensed by that  
10 pharmacy or comparative current selling prices of generic and brand  
11 name drugs dispensed by that pharmacy. The information shall be  
12 provided to the person making the request before a drug is  
13 dispensed to the person. A person who makes a request for price  
14 information under this subsection is not obligated to purchase the  
15 drug for which the price or comparative prices are requested.

16 (2) A pharmacist engaged in the business of selling drugs at  
17 retail shall conspicuously display the notice described in  
18 subsection (3) at each counter over which prescription drugs are  
19 dispensed.

20 (3) The notice required under subsection (2) shall be in  
21 substantially the following form:

22 NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

23 ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

24 Under Michigan law, you have the right to find out the price  
25 of a prescription drug before the pharmacist fills the  
26 prescription. You are under no obligation to have the prescription  
27 filled here and may use this price information to shop around at

1 other pharmacies. You may request price information in person or by  
2 telephone.

3 Every pharmacy has the current selling prices of both generic  
4 and brand name drugs dispensed by the pharmacy.

5 Ask your pharmacist if a lower-cost generic drug is available  
6 to fill your prescription. A generic drug contains the same  
7 medicine as a brand name drug and is a suitable substitute in most  
8 instances.

9 A generic drug may not be dispensed by your pharmacist if your  
10 doctor has written "dispense as written" or the initials "d.a.w."  
11 on the prescription.

12 If you have questions about the drugs that have been  
13 prescribed for you, ask your doctor or pharmacist for more  
14 information.

15 To avoid dangerous drug interactions, let your doctor and  
16 pharmacist know about any other medications you are taking. This is  
17 especially important if you have more than 1 doctor or have  
18 prescriptions filled at more than 1 pharmacy.

19 (4) The notice required under subsection (2) shall also  
20 contain the address and phone number of the board and the  
21 department. The text of the notice shall be in at least 32-point  
22 bold type and shall be printed on paper at least 11 inches by 17  
23 inches in size. The notice may be printed on multiple pages.

24 (5) ~~A~~ **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A** copy of the notice  
25 required under subsection (2) ~~shall be provided to each licensee.~~  
26 ~~by the department.~~ The department shall provide additional copies  
27 if needed. A person may duplicate or reproduce the notice if the

1 duplication or reproduction is a true copy of the notice as  
2 produced by the department, without any additions or deletions.

3 (6) The pharmacist shall furnish to the purchaser of a  
4 prescription drug at the time the drug is delivered to the  
5 purchaser a receipt evidencing the transactions, which contains all  
6 of the following:

7 (a) The brand name of the drug, if applicable.

8 (b) The name of the manufacturer or the supplier of the drug,  
9 if the drug does not have a brand name.

10 (c) The strength of the drug, if significant.

11 (d) The quantity dispensed, if applicable.

12 (e) The name and address of the pharmacy.

13 (f) The serial number of the prescription.

14 (g) The date the prescription was originally dispensed.

15 (h) The name of the prescriber or, if prescribed under the  
16 prescriber's delegatory authority, the name of the delegatee.

17 (i) Except as otherwise authorized under section 17744a **OR**  
18 **17744B**, the name of the patient for whom the drug was prescribed.

19 (j) The price for which the drug was sold to the purchaser.

20 (7) The items required under subsection (6)(a), (b), and (c)  
21 may be omitted by a pharmacist only if the omission is expressly  
22 required by the prescriber. The pharmacist shall retain a copy of  
23 each receipt for 90 days. The inclusion of the items required under  
24 subsection (6) on the prescription container label is a valid  
25 receipt to the purchaser. Including the items required under  
26 subsection (6) on the written prescription form and retaining the  
27 form constitutes retention of a copy of the receipt.

1           (8) The board may promulgate rules to implement this section.