

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 166**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 16106, 17708, and 17751 (MCL 333.16106,  
333.17708, and 333.17751), section 16106 as amended by 2002 PA 643,  
section 17708 as amended by 2021 PA 53, and section 17751 as  
amended by 2021 PA 36.

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

- 1       Sec. 16106. (1) "Incompetence" means a departure from, or  
2 failure to conform to, minimal standards of acceptable and  
3 prevailing practice for a health profession, whether or not actual  
4 injury to an individual occurs.  
5       (2) "License", except as otherwise provided in this subsection  
6 **and section 17708(2)**, means an authorization issued under this



1 article to practice where practice would otherwise be unlawful.  
 2 License includes an authorization to use a designated title which  
 3 use would otherwise be prohibited under this article and may be  
 4 used to refer to a health profession subfield license, limited  
 5 license, or a temporary license. ~~For purposes of the definition of~~  
 6 ~~"prescriber" contained in section 17708(2) only, license includes~~  
 7 ~~an authorization issued under the laws of another state, or the~~  
 8 ~~country of Canada to practice in that state or in the country of~~  
 9 ~~Canada, where practice would otherwise be unlawful, and is limited~~  
 10 ~~to a licensed doctor of medicine, a licensed doctor of osteopathic~~  
 11 ~~medicine and surgery, or another licensed health professional~~  
 12 ~~acting under the delegation and using, recording, or otherwise~~  
 13 ~~indicating the name of the delegating licensed doctor of medicine~~  
 14 ~~or licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery. License~~  
 15 does not include a health profession specialty field license.

16 (3) "Licensee", as used in a part that regulates a specific  
 17 health profession, means an individual to whom a license is issued  
 18 under that part, and as used in this part means each licensee  
 19 regulated by this article.

20 (4) "Limitation" means an action by which a board imposes  
 21 restrictions or conditions, or both, on a license.

22 (5) "Limited license" means a license to which restrictions or  
 23 conditions, or both, as to scope of practice, place of practice,  
 24 supervision of practice, duration of licensed status, or type or  
 25 condition of patient or client served are imposed by a board.

26 Sec. 17708. (1) "Preceptor" means a pharmacist approved by the  
 27 board to direct the training of an intern in an approved pharmacy.

28 (2) "Prescriber" means ~~any of the following:~~

29 ~~(a) A a licensed dentist; -~~



~~(b) A-a licensed doctor of medicine; -~~

~~(e) A-a licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery; -~~

~~(d) A-a licensed doctor of podiatric medicine and surgery; -~~

~~(e) A-a licensed physician's assistant; -~~

~~(f) A-subject to part 174, a licensed optometrist; certified under part 174 to administer and prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents.~~

~~(g) An-subject to section 17211a, an advanced practice registered nurse; as that term is defined in section 17201 who meets the requirements of section 17211a.~~

~~(h) A-a licensed veterinarian; -~~

~~(i) A-subject to subsection (7), a registered professional nurse who holds a specialty certification as a nurse anesthetist under section 17210 when he or she is engaging in the practice of nursing and providing the anesthesia and analgesia services described in section 17210(3); - For purposes of this subdivision, the authority of a registered professional nurse who holds a specialty certification as a nurse anesthetist under section 17210 to prescribe pharmacological agents is limited to pharmacological agents for administration to patients as described in section 17210(3)(b), (c), or (d).~~

~~(j) Any-or any other licensed health professional acting under the delegation and using, recording, or otherwise indicating the name of the delegating licensed doctor of medicine or licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery. As used in this subsection:~~

**(a) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means that term as defined in section 17201 and includes a licensed advanced practice registered nurse.**



(b) "License" means that term as defined in section 16106 and includes an authorization issued under the laws of another state or province of Canada to practice a profession described in this subsection in that state or province of Canada where practice would otherwise be unlawful.

(3) "Prescription" means an order by a prescriber to fill, compound, or dispense a drug or device written and signed; written or created in an electronic format, signed, and transmitted by facsimile; or transmitted electronically or by other means of communication. An order transmitted in other than written or hard-copy form must be electronically recorded, printed, or written and immediately dated by the pharmacist, and that record is considered the original prescription. In a health facility or agency licensed under article 17 or other medical institution, an order for a drug or device in the patient's chart is considered for the purposes of this definition the original prescription. For purposes of this part, prescription also includes a standing order issued under section 17744e. Subject to section 17751(2) and (5), prescription includes, but is not limited to, an order for a drug, not including a controlled substance except under circumstances described in section 17763(e), written and signed; written or created in an electronic format, signed, and transmitted by facsimile; or transmitted electronically or by other means of communication by a ~~physician prescriber, dentist prescriber, or veterinarian~~ prescriber ~~who is licensed to practice dentistry, medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or veterinary medicine in another~~ state **or province of Canada.**

(4) Subject to subsection (5), "prescription drug" means a drug to which 1 or more of the following apply:



1 (a) The drug is dispensed pursuant to a prescription.

2 (b) The drug bears the federal legend "CAUTION: federal law  
3 prohibits dispensing without prescription" or "Rx only".

4 (c) The drug is designated by the board as a drug that may  
5 only be dispensed pursuant to a prescription.

6 (5) For purposes of this part, prescription drug also includes  
7 a drug dispensed pursuant to section 17744f.

8 (6) "Remote pharmacy" means a pharmacy described in sections  
9 17742a and 17742b.

10 (7) **The authority of a registered professional nurse who holds**  
11 **a specialty certification as a nurse anesthetist under section**  
12 **17210 to prescribe pharmacological agents is limited to**  
13 **pharmacological agents for administration to patients as described**  
14 **in section 17210(3)(b), (c), or (d).** Subsection ~~(2)(i)~~ (2) does not  
15 require new or additional third party reimbursement or mandated  
16 worker's compensation benefits for anesthesia and analgesia  
17 services provided under section 17210(3) by a registered  
18 professional nurse who holds a specialty certification as a nurse  
19 anesthetist under section 17210.

20 Sec. 17751. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section  
21 17744f, a pharmacist shall not dispense a drug requiring a  
22 prescription under the federal act or a law of this state except  
23 under authority of an original prescription or an equivalent record  
24 of an original prescription approved by the board. A pharmacist  
25 described in section 17742b(2) may dispense a drug pursuant to an  
26 original prescription received at a remote pharmacy if the  
27 pharmacist receives, reviews, and verifies an exact digital image  
28 of the prescription received at the remote pharmacy before the drug  
29 is dispensed at the remote pharmacy.



(2) Subject to **this subsection and** subsections (1) and (5), a pharmacist may dispense a **drug or device pursuant to a** prescription written and signed; written or created in an electronic format, signed, and transmitted by facsimile; or transmitted electronically or by other means of communication by a ~~physician-prescriber, dentist-prescriber, or veterinarian-prescriber~~ in another state **or province of Canada**, but not including a prescription for a controlled substance except under circumstances described in section 17763(e). ~~, only if~~ **Before dispensing a drug or device pursuant to a prescription under this subsection**, the pharmacist, in the exercise of his or her professional judgment, ~~determines~~ **must determine** all of the following:

(a) Except as otherwise authorized under section 5110, 17744a, or 17744b, if the prescriber is a ~~physician or dentist~~, **not a veterinarian**, that the prescription was issued pursuant to an existing ~~physician-patient or dentist-patient~~ **prescriber-patient** relationship.

(b) That the prescription is authentic.

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

(3) A pharmacist or a prescriber shall dispense a **drug or device pursuant to a** prescription only if the prescription falls within the scope of practice of the prescriber.

(4) A pharmacist shall not knowingly dispense a **drug or device pursuant to a** prescription after the death of the prescriber or patient.

(5) A pharmacist shall not dispense a drug or device ~~under~~ **pursuant to** a prescription transmitted by facsimile or created in electronic format and printed out for use by the patient unless the



document is manually signed by the prescriber. This subsection does not apply to any of the following:

(a) A prescription that is transmitted by a computer to a facsimile machine if that prescription complies with section 17754 or 17754a.

(b) A prescription that is received by a remote pharmacy and made available to a pharmacist described in section 17742b(2) for review and verification in the manner required under subsection (1).

(6) After consultation with and agreement from the prescriber, a pharmacist may add or change a patient's address, a dosage form, a drug strength, a drug quantity, a direction for use, or an issue date with regard to a prescription. A pharmacist shall note the details of the consultation and agreement required under this subsection on the prescription or, if the drug is dispensed at a remote pharmacy, on the digital image of the prescription described in subsection (1), and shall maintain that documentation with the prescription as required in section 17752. A pharmacist shall not change the patient's name, controlled substance prescribed unless authorized to dispense a lower cost generically equivalent drug product under section 17755, or the prescriber's signature with regard to a prescription.

(7) A prescription that is contained within a patient's chart in a health facility or agency licensed under article 17 or other medical institution and that is transmitted to a pharmacy under section 17744 is the original prescription. If all other requirements of this part are met, a pharmacist shall dispense a drug or device ~~under~~ **pursuant to** a prescription described in this subsection. A pharmacist may dispense a drug or device ~~under~~



1 **pursuant to** a prescription described in this subsection even if the  
2 prescription does not contain the quantity ordered. If a  
3 prescription described in this subsection does not contain the  
4 quantity ordered, the pharmacist shall consult with the prescriber  
5 to determine an agreed-upon quantity. The pharmacist shall record  
6 the quantity dispensed on the prescription and shall maintain that  
7 documentation with the prescription as required in section 17752.

8 (8) If, after consulting with a patient, a pharmacist  
9 determines in the exercise of his or her professional judgment that  
10 dispensing additional quantities of a prescription drug is  
11 appropriate for the patient, the pharmacist may dispense, at one  
12 time, additional quantities of the prescription drug up to the  
13 total number of dosage units authorized by the prescriber on the  
14 original prescription for the patient and any refills of the  
15 prescription. Except for a controlled substance included in  
16 schedule 5 that does not contain an opioid, this subsection does  
17 not apply to a prescription for a controlled substance.

18 (9) **Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a**  
19 **pharmacist who receives a prescription under subsection (2) from an**  
20 **advanced practice registered nurse prescriber or physician's**  
21 **assistant prescriber in another state or province of Canada may**  
22 **dispense the drug or device without determining whether the**  
23 **advanced practice registered nurse prescriber or physician's**  
24 **assistant prescriber is authorized under the laws of the other**  
25 **state or province of Canada to issue the prescription.**