

Senate Fiscal Agency
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

SFA**BILL ANALYSIS**

Telephone: (517) 373-5383
Fax: (517) 373-1986
TDD: (517) 373-0543

Senate Bill 436 (as introduced 3-11-99)
Sponsor: Senator Raymond M. Murphy
Committee: Health Policy

Date Completed: 5-10-99

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to provide that in a methadone treatment program, licensed under the Code, that did not have an on-site pharmacy, a dispensing prescriber could delegate the delivery of a single dose of methadone to a registered client of the program if all of the following requirements were met:

- The delivery was delegated to a registered professional nurse; a licensed practical nurse; or a physician's assistant if the dispensing prescriber were responsible for the clinical supervision of the physician's assistant.
- The delivery was performed pursuant to specific, written protocols.
- The methadone was labeled in accordance with the Code's requirements regarding drugs dispensed by a dispensing prescriber.

Under the Code, a dispensing prescriber is a licensed doctor, dentist, or other licensed health professional acting under the delegation of a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery, who dispenses prescription drugs.

MCL 333.17745a

Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: J. Walker

S9900\436sa

This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan Senate staff for use by the Senate in its deliberations and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.