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Senate Bill 689 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Tom George  
Committee: Health Policy

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to allow a practitioner to issue multiple prescriptions for up to a 90-day supply of a Schedule 2 controlled substance; and allow a Schedule 2 controlled substance prescription to be filled up to 90, rather than 60, days after it was issued.

Under the Code, a practitioner may not issue more than one prescription for a Schedule 2 controlled substance on a single prescription form. Under the bill, a practitioner could issue more than one of these prescriptions on a single form.

Currently, except for a patient with a documented terminal illness, a prescription for a Schedule 2 controlled substance may not be filled more than 60 days after the date it was issued. The bill would extend this period to 90 days.

(Under the Public Health Code, a substance is placed in Schedule 2 if it has high potential for abuse; it has currently accepted medical use in the U.S., or currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions; and its abuse may lead to severe psychic or physical dependence.)

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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