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House Bill 4192 (as passed by the House)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to allow the Director of the Department of Community Health (DCH) to provide data from the controlled substance electronic monitoring system to a practitioner or other authorized prescriber to determine if prescriptions written by that person had been dispensed.

Under the Code, the DCH maintains an electronic system for monitoring schedule 2, 3, 4, and 5 controlled substances dispensed in Michigan by veterinarians, and by pharmacists and dispensing prescribers (physicians and dentists who dispense prescription drugs to their own patients); or dispensed to a Michigan address by a pharmacy licensed in the State. The system provides an electronic format for the reporting of data, including patient identifiers, the name of the controlled substance dispensed, the date of dispensing, the quantity dispensed, the prescriber, and the dispenser.

The Code specifies people to whom the DCH Director may provide data from the system, notwithstanding any practitioner-patient privilege. The bill would include among them a practitioner or other person who was authorized to prescribe controlled substances, for the purpose of determining if prescriptions written by that person had been dispensed.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The Department of Community Health would be required to provide controlled substance prescribing data to relevant health care practitioners. This would result in a minor increase in administrative costs.

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