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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4225 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Bronna Kahle  
House Committee: Health Policy  
Ways and Means  
Senate Committee: Health Policy and Human Services

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend Part 73 (Manufacture, Distribution, and Dispensing) of the Public Health Code to exempt a patient who was under the care of a hospice from certain requirements related to the prescription of a controlled substance listed in Schedules 2 to 5.**

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4224. (House Bill 4224 (H-1) would amend the Public Health Code to define "bona fide prescriber-patient relationship".)

Under Part 73, a prescriber who holds a controlled substances license may administer or dispense a controlled substance listed in Schedules 2 to 5 without a separate controlled substances license. Generally, the Code prohibits a licensed prescriber from prescribing a controlled substance listed in Schedules 2 to 5 unless he or she is in a bona fide prescriber-patient relationship with the patient for whom the controlled substance is being prescribed. Under the bill, this requirement would not apply for a patient who was under the care of a hospice.

Part 73 also requires a licensed prescriber to obtain and review a report concerning a patient from the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS) before prescribing or dispensing to a patient a controlled substance in a quantity that exceeds a three-day supply. This requirement does not apply under certain circumstances, for example, if the controlled substance is prescribed by a veterinarian. Under the bill, the requirement to obtain a MAPS report also would not apply if the patient were under the care of a hospice and the report was obtained and reviewed at the time the patient was admitted to the hospice.

Additionally, the bill would delete the definitions for "bona fide prescriber-patient relationship" and "telehealth".

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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