

CCS HCS SCS SB 724 -- CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, PSEUDOEPHEDRINE PURCHASES, ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES, AND CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES

This bill changes the laws regarding the scheduled controlled substance list, pseudoephedrine purchases, prescriptive authority for advanced practice registered nurses, and Christian Science nurses. The bill:

- (1) Revises the current list of scheduled controlled substances to make it consistent with federal laws;
- (2) Requires persons selling pseudoephedrine products to keep an electronic log of all transactions and specifies what information must be recorded in the log and repeals provisions that exempt liquid and liquid-filled capsule forms of pseudoephedrine from the record-keeping and log maintenance requirements;
- (3) Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses who hold a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority from the State Board of Nursing to enter into collaborative agreements with physicians to administer and dispense Schedule III, IV, and V control substances but prohibits them, under any circumstance, from prescribing a controlled substance for themselves or any family member;
- (4) Specifies the content of a written collaborative practice agreement;
- (5) Limits a Schedule III narcotic controlled substance prescription to a 120-hour supply without refill;
- (6) Requires the collaborating physician's name to be placed on the label for any prescription written for a controlled substance by an advanced practice registered nurse;
- (7) Limits the purchase of any number of packages of any drug product containing ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine in any amount greater than three and six-tenths grams within any 24-hour period;
- (8) Establishes guidelines for controlled substance collaborative agreements and the documentation required for the State Board of Nursing to grant a certificate for prescriptive authority;
- (9) Prohibits physicians from entering into collaborative practice arrangements with more than three full-time equivalent advanced practice registered nurses. This limitation does not apply to collaborative arrangements in certain hospitals or

population-based public health service centers; and

(10) Allows Christian Science nurses to provide religious, nonmedical services to any person who chooses to rely upon healing by spiritual means alone and repeals the provision which specifies that only individuals listed in the Christian Science Journal as Christian Science nurses may use the title Christian Science nurse.

The provisions regarding the revised scheduled controlled substance list and pseudoephedrine purchases become effective January 1, 2009.