

HB 2285 -- BOARD OF PHARMACY

SPONSOR: Burlison

This bill provides that pharmacists may label prescription drugs using either a sequential number or a unique identifier.

The bill also states that the Board of Pharmacy within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration may inspect class B hospital pharmacies that are not under the inspection authority of the Department of Health and Senior Services. The board and the department may jointly promulgate rules governing medication services by a pharmacist at or within a hospital. A drug distributor license is not required to transfer medication from a class B hospital pharmacy to a hospital clinic for patient care. Medication dispensed by a hospital to a hospital patient for use outside of the hospital must be labeled as provided by rules jointly promulgated by the department and the board, and must be dispensed only by a prescription order from a physician.

All pharmacists providing medication therapy services must obtain a certificate of medication therapeutic plan authority as provided by rule.

The bill requires the creation of an advisory committee, with members appointed by the board. The criteria for the members are specified in the bill. The committee will make recommendations to the board and review all rules jointly promulgated by the board and the department.

The bill further defines a "Class B Hospital Pharmacy," and specifies that any hospital that holds a pharmacy license on the effective date of the act must be eligible to obtain a class B pharmacy license without the payment of a fee.