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Senate Bill 956 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Hansen Clarke
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to eliminate a prohibition against the dispensing of prescriptions for controlled substances written by a physician in another state, as well as a provision authorizing administrative sanctions for a violation; and include in the definition of "prescription drug" a drug bearing the Federal legend "Rx only".

Currently, a practitioner may not dispense a prescription for a controlled substance written and signed or transmitted by facsimile, electronic transmission, or other means of communication by a physician prescriber licensed in another state, unless the prescription is issued by a physician prescriber who resides adjacent to the land border between Michigan and an adjoining state or resides in Illinois or Minnesota and is authorized under the laws of that state to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery and to prescribe controlled substances and whose practice may extend into Michigan, but who does not maintain an office or designate a place to meet patients or receive calls in Michigan. The bill would delete the references to a physician residing adjacent to the land border or in Illinois or Minnesota; and the extension of his or her practice into Michigan, maintaining an office, and designating a place to meet patients or take calls.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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