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Proposed law requires LDH to establish and post a voluntary nonopioid directive form on its website to allow a patient to voluntarily opt-out of receiving opioid prescriptions from his prescribing practitioner(s). Proposed law allows a patient to appoint a duly authorized guardian or health care representative to override an opt-out directive orally or in writing, for any reason, at any time.

Proposed law provides immunity from civil, criminal, and professional licensure sanctions for pharmacists who dispense an opioid based on an electronic prescription, prescribing practitioners acting with reasonable care for refusing to issue an opioid prescription, an authorized guardian or health care representative for revoking the nonopioid directive, and an emergency department prescribing practitioner or emergency medical services personnel for issuing a prescription for or administering a controlled substance containing an opioid.

Proposed law authorizes health professional licensing boards that regulate prescribers to promulgate rules regarding disciplinary action against a prescribing practitioner who willfully fails to comply with a patient's voluntary nonopioid directive form.

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