

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 492

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

PHARMACISTS: Requires that pharmacists report to certain parties when refills of certain psychiatric medications go undispensed

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:1224.2, relative to the practice of pharmacy; to require pharmacists to  
3 report instances of undispensed prescriptions in certain cases; to provide relative to  
4 pharmacy services for patients who are prescribed certain psychiatric medications;  
5 to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to promulgate administrative rules; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:1224.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1224.2. Psychiatric medications; undispensed refills; reporting

10 A. When a person has been prescribed a refill of a prescription of a  
11 psychiatric medication provided for in Subsection B of this Section and the refill  
12 remains undispensed after the period of time provided for in Subsection B of this  
13 Section lapses, the pharmacist shall report to the following persons that the  
14 prescription has not been dispensed:

- 15 (1) The prescriber who prescribed the medication to the patient.
- 16 (2) Any person listed in the records of the pharmacy as a family member  
17 contact or other designated contact for the patient.

18 B. The board shall promulgate in rule all of the following:

- 19 (1) The listing of psychiatric medications which shall subject a patient to the  
20 reporting requirement provided in Subsection A of this Section.

- 1                   (2) The time period for a prescription remaining undispensed which shall  
2                   subject a patient to the reporting requirement provided in Subsection A of this  
3                   Section.
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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires pharmacists to report to a patient's prescriber and designated contact, if any, when refills of certain psychiatric medications go undispensed.

Proposed law provides that when a person has been prescribed a refill of a prescription of a psychiatric medication provided for in proposed law and the refill remains undispensed for a certain amount of time, the pharmacist shall report to the following persons that the prescription has not been dispensed:

- (1) The prescriber who prescribed the medication to the patient.
- (2) Any person listed in the records of the pharmacy as a family member contact or other designated contact for the patient.

Proposed law requires the La. Board of Pharmacy to promulgate in rule all of the following:

- (1) The listing of psychiatric medications which shall subject a patient to the reporting requirement provided in proposed law.
- (2) The time period for a prescription remaining undispensed which shall subject a patient to the reporting requirement provided in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 37:1224.2)