DIGEST

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HB 397 Engrossed

2015 Regular Session

Pope

Abstract: Authorizes early refills for a topical ophthalmic product.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes a pharmacist to dispense previously authorized refills on an original prescription for a topical ophthalmic product at 70% of the predicted days of use without obtaining subsequent authorization or a new prescription from the prescriber.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that an authorized prescriber may authorize refills on an original prescription for a topical ophthalmic product to be dispensed earlier than 70% of the predicted days of use for patients who have continual difficulty with inadvertent wastage.

<u>Proposed law</u> applies to refills purchased through retail pharmacies and mail-order sources.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 37:1224.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the original bill:

1. Change the term "physician" to "authorized prescriber".