
DIGEST

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HB 671 Engrossed

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Abstract: Allows prescription drugs that were dispensed to persons in custody of a local law enforcement agency to be returned, exchanged, and redispensed.

Present law requires that drugs dispensed for use by an offender in the custody of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections be accepted for return, exchange, and redispensing.

Present law provides that the pharmacist in charge shall determine that the prescription is unmolested, unexpired, and fit to be redispensed.

Present law releases the pharmaceutical manufacturer from liability for any claim or injury arising from the redispensing of any prescription drug.

Proposed law retains present law, and extends the law to include prescriptions dispensed for use by offenders in the custody of local law enforcement offices or departments.

Proposed law creates an exception to present law and proposed law. The exception stipulates that a drug which can only be dispensed to a patient registered with the drug's manufacturer in accordance with federal Food and Drug Administration requirements may not be accepted or distributed under the provisions of the program provided for in present law and proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 37:1226.3(A) and (B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Revise provisions of present law and proposed law requiring that all drugs dispensed on prescription to offenders in the custody of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), or a local law enforcement office or department, be accepted for return, exchange, or redispensing to provide instead that acceptance of such drugs is permissive rather than mandatory.
2. Revise proposed law authorizing pharmacies operated by or under contract with DPS&C, or with a local law enforcement office or department, to accept certain drugs for return, exchange, or redispensing to provide instead that pharmacies that provide prescriptions

to these correctional facilities are authorized to accept drugs for such purposes.

3. Stipulate that a drug which can only be dispensed to a patient registered with the drug's manufacturer in accordance with federal Food and Drug Administration requirements may not be accepted or distributed under the provisions of the program provided for in present law and proposed law.
4. Make technical changes.