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HOUSE BILL 618

Short Title: Ivermectin Access Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Almond, Zenger, N. Jackson, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 1, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A STATEWIDE
STANDING ORDER TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE IVERMECTIN
WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION; AND PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR
CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR AND ANY
PHARMACIST WHO DISPENSES IVERMECTIN PURSUANT TO THE STATEWIDE
STANDING ORDER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 6 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

"Part 2A. Statewide Standing Order to Control the Spread of Disease.

"§ 130A-158.15. Statewide standing order for the dispensing of ivermectin.

(a) The State Health Director shall issue a statewide standing order authorizing a pharmacist licensed under Article 4A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to dispense ivermectin suitable for human use without a written prescription or consultation with a healthcare professional.

(b) A pharmacist licensed under Article 4A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes may dispense ivermectin in accordance with the statewide standing order issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(c) All of the following individuals are immune from any civil or criminal liability for actions authorized by this section as follows:

(1) The State Health Director acting pursuant to this section.

(2) Any pharmacist who dispenses ivermectin pursuant to a statewide standing order issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

"§§ 130A-158.16. through 130A-158.20. Reserved for future codification purposes."

SECTION 2. The State Health Director shall issue the statewide standing order authorized by G.S. 130A-158.15(a), as enacted by Section 1 of this act, by October 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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