



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 287: Educate Patients About Opioid Antagonists.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 4, 2023
Introduced by:	Reps. Sasser, K. Baker, White, Potts	Prepared by:	Jessica Boney Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	PCS to Second Edition H287-CSBP-6		

OVERVIEW: *House Bill 287 would require practitioners and pharmacies to educate patients about the dangers of opioids, the prevention of overdoses, and the availability of opioid antagonists for reversal of opioid overdoses when receiving a prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance.*

The Proposed Committee Substitute ("PCS") to House Bill 287 would exempt veterinarians from the education requirements.

BILL ANALYSIS:

The PCS would require practitioners to provide information about the following to patients when prescribing a Schedule II controlled substance:

- Potential dangers of opioids;
- Overdose prevention;
- Availability and use of opioid antagonists to reverse opioid overdoses.

If treating a minor, a practitioner would be required to supply the information to the minor's guardian.

A pharmacy would be required to provide the same information when dispensing a Schedule II controlled substance, and to post signage with the information in a conspicuous place.

A practitioner's liability would not be limited for negligent treatment of a patient and failure to follow the requirements would not create a private right of action.

A practitioner providing hospice services and a veterinarian acting in the practice of veterinary medicine would be exempt from the requirements of this act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective October 1, 2023.

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